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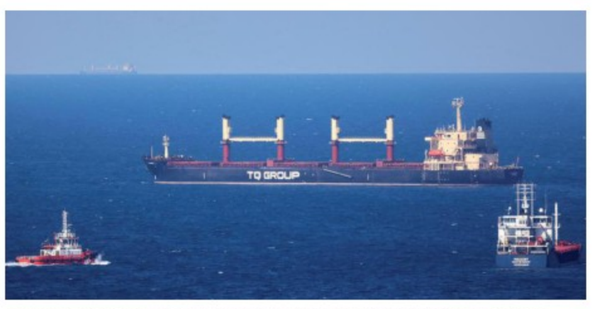
NEW DELHI



The Turkish-flagged bulker *TQ Samsun* carrying grain under the UN's Black Sea Grain Initiative, off Istanbul, in July. REUTERS

As world leaders gather in Delhi on Friday ahead of the G-20 Summit, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is on a mission to revive the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI or BSI), in talks on the sidelines of the summit. The deal that facilitates export of grain from Russia and Ukraine lapsed in July.

Among those in Delhi, Turkey President Recep Erdogan, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, as well as leaders of the European Union and UN officials will be trying to work out a compromise that will give assurances to Russia, for an exchange that will allow grain export from blockaded Ukrainian ports to restart at the earliest, sources told *The Hindu*.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) officials said they were unaware of any meetings on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit, but underlined India's position in support of the initiative.

The BSI, which was signed to avert massive shortages of wheat, sunflower oil, and other commodities due to the Ukraine conflict, lapsed on July 17 after Russia refused to renew the deal citing "unkept promises" by Western countries.

On Thursday, Mr. Guterres said the UN was "deeply engaged" in resolving the issue, that would mean giving Russia more access to financial markets despite EU and U.S. sanctions and in return receiving guarantees that Russia will not threaten or bomb Ukrainian ships or ports exporting grain.

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African Union to join G-20, as Sherpas reach a deal

Membership of the AU in the grouping appears to be a major breakthrough, with both Russian and Chinese officials backing the move; it is unclear whether the forum will be renamed 'G-21'

Suhasini Haidar
Ananth Krishnan
NEW DELHI

On alert: Security personnel keep strict vigil near the G-20 venue at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on Thursday. R.V. MOORTHY

The African Union (AU) is set to join the G-20 as negotiators agreed on clearing its membership, according to sources privy to the discussions at the Sherpa meeting at a resort on the outskirts of Delhi.

This will mean the 55-member AU will join the European Union as the only two regional bodies in the G-20.

While it still unclear whether the G-20 will be renamed as the "G-21" after the induction of the AU, Indian officials said the announcement would help "leave a lasting imprint" of the work the Indian Presidency has done in bringing in the Global South's ambitions to the economic grouping.

As talks paused on Thursday afternoon, Sherpas, who are the personal representatives of each of the G-20 leaders, will move their discussions to the Delhi G-20 venue next, but negotiations will continue until there is agreement for a draft declaration, the sources said.

No G-20 summit has ended without a joint statement, and Indian officials who hope to avoid such an outcome say they hope to fill the gaps by the time the summit ends on Sunday afternoon. Much of the effort is on resolving the "geopolitical issue" paragraph, one of two paragraphs that were agreed to in the Bali G-20 document last year, that Russia and China have opposed in the Indian draft. The most significant differences are over "Paragraph 6" of the latest draft, that seeks to quote United Nations General Assembly resolutions condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but there remain others, the sources said.

For the past month, Sherpas have been burning the midnight oil, with negotiations on a draft declaration continuing until the early hours of the morning. Even on Thursday, the latest version of the draft was circulated close to 3 a.m.

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Stalin joins issue with Modi on *Sanatana Dharma* row; Congress sticks to middle path

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

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>
> **PAWAN KHERA**
> Congress spokesperson

Five days after Tamil Nadu Minister and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam leader Udhayanidhi Stalin said *Sanatana Dharma* needed to be eradicated the way dengue and mosquitoes should be, the war of words between political parties continues.

Defending his son over his statements, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Thursday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Cabinet colleagues were using Mr. Udhayanidhi's remarks to divert attention from issues such as the conflict in Manipur and the irregularities of ₹7.5 lakh crore highlighted in the report by the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

On Wednesday, at a meeting of the Union Council of Ministers, Mr. Modi said that Mr. Udhayanidhi's remark required a "proper response".

With former Union Minister A. Raja extending support to Mr. Udhayanidhi on Thursday, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the remarks were reflective of the "mental bankruptcy" and "deep-rooted Hindu-phobia" of the Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance. He posted on X that the country was watching how "the Congress and its friends are consciously maligning the soul, spirit and roots of Bharat".

The Congress, however, distanced itself from Mr. Udhayanidhi's statements. Party spokesperson Pawan Khera, at a press conference on Thursday, said the Congress believed every religion and faith had its space and no one could treat any particular faith as less than another. Mr. Khera said the party had already clearly stated it did not stand by such remarks. "We have a history of bringing every religion and thought together. And we understand that this country is made of myriad hues, where everyone has a place. Neither the Indian Constitution nor our own party's tradition allow us to show someone as better than others," he said.

At a press conference on Tuesday, Congress general secretary K.C. Venugopal had stopped short of criticising Mr. Udhayanidhi's remarks.

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BJP-JD(S) alliance on the cards?

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leaders of BJP and JD(S) are learnt to have had a preliminary round of discussion in New Delhi on a possible tie-up ahead of Lok Sabha polls next year.

Speculation has been rife since BJP and JD(S) suffered losses in the Assembly polls and the Congress romped home with 135-seat victory. JD(S) leaders said party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, who was in the national capital recently, and his son H.D. Kumaraswamy would take a final call on the issue.

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Modi presents a 12-point proposal to expand India-ASEAN cooperation

Press Trust of India
JAKARTA

Standing together: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with ASEAN leaders during the ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta on Thursday. ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday presented a 12-point proposal to expand cooperation between India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in areas such as connectivity, trade, and digital transformation even as he called for building a rules-based post-COVID world order, at the annual ASEAN-India Summit here.

Mr. Modi also announced the establishment of a multi-modal connectivity and economic corridor linking Southeast Asia, India, West Asia, and Europe and offered to share New Delhi's digital public infrastructure stack with ASEAN partners.

The 12-point proposal included the Prime Minister's call for a collective fight against terrorism, terror financing and cyber-disinformation and for raising issues being faced by the Global South in multilateral fora.

Also addressing the East Asia Summit, a forum in the Asia-Pacific region to deal with issues relating to security and defence, Mr. Modi called for joint efforts to strengthen sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations even as he said India believes a code of conduct for South China Sea should be effective and compliant with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Referring to geopolitical conflicts, he reiterated that "today's era is not of war", and dialogue and diplomacy were the only path to resolution of conflicts.

Mr. Modi's comments on the South China Sea came amid increasing global concerns over China's military muscle-flexing in the region, with several countries reacting sharply to Beijing's territorial claim over the South China Sea in its latest edition of the "standard map of China".

The Prime Minister said terrorism, extremism, and geopolitical conflicts are "big challenges" for "all of us".

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Beneficiaries of Shakti to pay service charge for cards

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Cabinet, which met on Thursday, has decided that under the Shakti scheme, a service charge of ₹14.16 per card would be levied on each beneficiary. Under the scheme, the women passengers are eligible to travel free of cost in ordinary buses of all Road Transport Corporations.

The Cabinet also cleared a proposal to purchase 250 buses (₹100 cr.) for KSRTC, 375 buses (₹150 cr.) for NWKSRTC, 250 buses (₹100 cr.) for Kalyana Karnataka RTCs, and 370 e-buses (₹150 cr.) for BMTC.

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Mehuli Ghosh — shooting for the stars and Olympic glory

'It feels really great that I finally achieved the quota for Paris 2024. I have been looking to win this for so long, and it is great that it has come with a bronze medal at the World Championship'

Santadeep Dey

It is easy to lose your way inside the sprawling 2,300-acre campus of the Hyderabad University. With a humble layer of verdigris eating into the painted letters, it is easier to miss the metal signboard pointing towards the Telangana Rifle Association Range, roughly a kilometre from the main gate.

Housed within this very complex is Olympic medallist Gagan Narang's shooting academy, Gun For Glory (GFG), its entrance something straight out of the sets of a horror flick.

Sound of pellets

A yard in, the sound of pellets crashing onto electronic targets and a flex banner confirms you are at the right place – the 10m range. "She is on her way," one of the coaches at the institute informed Sportstar.

Minutes later, the spluttering sound of an engine came to the ears as an auto-rickshaw made its way inside the gate. Just as the vehicle halted, a familiar voice rang: "*Arey, kyamon aacho bawlo*?" (Bengali for "Hello, how have you been?").

A beaming Mehuli Ghosh, with a large trolley and rifle case, greeted this reporter. "Sorry, was doing laundry. Hope I am not that late," she hurriedly slipped into an apology.

It was hard to tell that that 23-year-old was a World Championship, Commonwealth Games, and Youth Olympic medallist. Although arguably one of India's best bets for a medal in the upcoming Asian Games and next year's Olympics, Mehuli had no airs and graces.

Her arrival saw the academy's employees spring into action. Chairs were quickly arranged, an air cooler was dragged into the range, and a framed vinyl was hurriedly put in the background for the scheduled interview. Amid the hasty preparations, several junior shooters hovered around Ghosh. She smiled before politely interacting with everybody. Some of them even asked her to inspect their weapons, perhaps in an effort to pick her brain by initiating a conversation with her.

After Mehuli started shooting in 2014, she blossomed away from the media spotlight under the guidance of Olympians Apurvi Chandela and Anjum Moudgil in the national team set-up. A few years later, it would seem life has come full circle.

"When I was there with Apurvi and Anjum di, they said it's just a matter of time before all the youngsters come up (the ranks). It doesn't feel like that yet. We are all very good friends. I am there to help them out. I just follow the legacy," said Mehuli, now one of the senior-most members of the Indian side.

Tilottama Sen, 15, another Bengali shooter on the national rifle team, also seeks Mehuli's help whenever she has doubts. "I have told her I am always there if she needs any kind of assistance," Mehuli said.

Stunning performances

Recently, Mehuli and Tilottama registered stunning performances at the ISSF World Championship in Baku. While Mehuli clinched her maiden Worlds medal – bronze – Tilottama went on to finish fourth. Their respective scores after 20 shots were 208.8 and 208.4. The slim margin eventually saw Tilottama lose the Olympic quota and a podium spot to Mehuli. In the pre-Tokyo 2020 cycle, though, Tilottama, too, would have been eligible for a quota.

Mehuli may have the quota in her bag, but there is no room for complacency, for the Paris berth belongs to the country. Additionally, the newly introduced Olympic Selection Trials (OST) make matters a bit more complicated.

The OST – a series of four competitions to be organised in 2024 – will see the value of a quota reduced to one 'bonus point'. The mean figure of the top three scores in OSTs will be considered towards the Final Average Score (FAS), which will determine qualification. Simply put, a shooter with a quota will have a head start of a mere 0.33 points per trial.

Although, the new rule only means Mehuli cannot rest on her laurels, she feels it will be rewarding for shooters, who head into the Olympic year in fine form.

Rest and recovery

"It (OST) is not that bad because whoever is in their best form should go to the Olympics. Someone shooting 630-plus a year ago may not be doing that well the next year. Because it's a long time, ups and downs are bound to happen. This is where rest and recovery become important so that you don't burn out when the Olympics arrives," she said.

All things considered, it is still not every day that you win a quota for the Olympics, the grandest multi-sport event. It has done Mehuli's confidence a world of good. Mehuli, who had topped qualification at the Baku Worlds with 634.5, a national record, said, "It feels really great to finally achieve the quota for Paris 2024. I have been looking to win this for so long, and it is great that it has come with a bronze medal at the World Championship. I've been working really hard with Bibaswan (Ganguly) sir."

Ganguly has been Mehuli's coach since her junior years. It is under his tutelage

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that she, even when subjected to pressure situations, has become a tough nut to crack.

A case in point was the 2019 InterShoot, when, having begun the qualifying round with an unheard-of 3.4, Mehuli showed tremendous grit to not only make the final but also collect gold.

"Pressure is what makes the game more interesting for me, so I always like it. It pushes me, makes me more focused, and brings out the best in me. So, I am still training to do much better under pressure. I'm working with my psychologist (Kriti Monga) so that I can be mentally stronger," Mehuli said.

And it is not just Monga and Ganguly, whom Mehuli credits for her achievements.

"The entire GFG team has helped me a lot. When I came here, I wasn't even close to making the India team. They have always been up for any kind of help. They have 20 lanes of electronic targets and good shooters here. So, I can train in a competitive ambience as well."

Rude shock

Even as Mehuli continues to shoot for the stars, the recent retirement of her father, who had a temporary State Government job, has come as a rude shock. Shooting is an expensive sport, with the cost of the rifle itself going up to ₹3 lakh. The fact that she has had to move cities to pursue her dreams doesn't help her cause either, with housing rents skyrocketing every year. Mehuli isn't even a part of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme's (TOPS) core group yet.

"I have been away from my family for the past two years and haven't started doing any jobs. I am there in the TOPS scheme, but only in the development group. And I have OGQ (Olympic Gold Quest) supporting my shooting side only. Staying here and our lifestyle - we must go to the gym and maintain a proper diet - is expensive. It gets difficult, but I'm managing for now."

'When life gives you lemons, make lemonade' is a maxim Mehuli staunchly believes in.

Her phone buzzed, breaking the silence. The lockscreen had a picture of the World Championship medal.

"You do realise this wallpaper may require changes soon, right?" she is asked, with a hint at the upcoming Asian Games and Paris 2024. "Yes, it will happen. I am giving it my all," Mehuli smiled.

THE GIST

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GAME TIME

Test yourself on some assorted trivia and questions across various sports and games

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Which stadium in India is named after a former general manager of Tata Steel and where is it located?

QUESTION 2
There are two teams in the the New York metropolitan area that play in the NBA. If one is New York Knicks, name the other.

QUESTION 3
In the 1994 World Cup, to celebrate the birth of his new-born son, what gesture on did Brazilian striker Bebeto come up with?

QUESTION 4
According to the Laws of Cricket, what is the maximum permissible length of a bat?

QUESTION 5
If it was Amik in 1976 and Izzy in 1996, what was it in 2016?

QUESTION 6
Apart from a medallion and a scroll, what is the cash award given to the recipient of Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna?

QUESTION 7
Which golf Major is always played at the same venue?

QUESTION 8
Karelin Lift, Fujiwara Armbar and Muta Lock are terms in which Olympic sport?

QUESTION 9
Which famous horse race is run over 4 miles 514 yards (6.907 km) at Aintree every year?

QUESTION 10
Which gruelling annual event, first held in 1903, is organised by Amaury Sport Organisation?

QUESTION 11
Why is March 15, 1975, a red-letter day in Indian sporting history?

Question 12: Name the Cuban boxing legend, a three-time Olympic gold medalist, landing a punch on 'The Greatest'. GETTY IMAGES

THE ANSWERS

1. Keenan Stadium in Jamshedpur, 2. Brooklyn Nets, 3. Cradle an imaginary baby, 4. 38 inches, 5. Vinicius. Names of the Summer Olympics mascots, 6. ₹25 lakh, 7. The Masters (at Augusta), 8. Wrestling, 9. Grand National, 10. Tour de France, 11. The Indian men won their only hockey World Cup, 12. Teofilo Stevenson.

Ejipura flyover project to take off again; new contractor chosen

The total project cost now would be ₹307.96 crore, up from ₹204 crore when work began in 2017

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A Kolkata-based company Simplex had bagged the contract and the flyover with 81 pillars was supposed to be completed in 24 months. However, the company ran into many financial difficulties and work got stalled in 2018 FILE PHOTO

The State Cabinet has approved a new contract to a Hyderabad-based firm to complete the long-pending Ejipura flyover, giving it a new lease of life, on Thursday. With this, the flyover on the key Koramangala 100 feet road stalled for at least five years now, drawing a lot of ire from commuters and residents of the area, is all set to finally take off again.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, also the local MLA, said now that the cabinet had approved the re-tender, work order will be issued shortly and work will be taken up on a war footing. "We have set an ambitious deadline of one year to complete the flyover," he said.

Cost escalation

However, the project has incurred a cost escalation of nearly ₹104 crore due to the long delays and change in contractor midway through the project. As approved by the cabinet on Thursday, the total project cost now would be ₹307.96 crore, up from ₹204 crore when work began in 2017.

The 2.5 k.m. long flyover between Ejipura Main Road - Outer Ring Road Junction to Kendriya Sadan on the Koramangala 100 feet road, began in earnest in May 2017. A Kolkata-based company Simplex had bagged the contract and the flyover with 81 pillars was supposed to be completed in 24 months. However, the company ran into many financial difficulties, and work got stalled in 2018.

Following Mr. Reddy's protest demanding that the civic body cancel the contract with the company and re-tender pending works, the State government cancelled the contract with Simplex in 2022, and since then has been trying to re-tender for the remainder of the works.

After three unsuccessful attempts, which got no bids, the fourth tender called for recently, got a single bid from Hyderabad-based B. Seenaiah & Company (Projects) Limited (BSCPL).

Simplex has completed nearly 40% of the works and 67 of the 81 pillars of the flyover. "The evaluation of the current state of the project has quantified the work completed to be worth ₹73 Crore, and another ₹142 crore earmarked for the project is pending with the civic body. The state cabinet has approved an additional ₹93 crore for the project," sources in the government said.

Monitoring app and AI-based model to counter dengue to be launched

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With nearly 60% of Karnataka's total dengue cases this year being reported in Bengaluru city (BBMP limits), the State Health Department and BBMP have come out with a mobile application for effective monitoring of the vector-borne disease.

This app along with an Artificial Intelligence-based model that can provide dengue predictive analysis will be launched in the city on Friday, said Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao.

The Minister, who along with top health officials reviewed the dengue situation in Bengaluru, said the AI-based model that will provide dengue predictive analysis four weeks in advance has been developed by experts from IISc's AI and Robotics Technology (ART) Park.

"We can use this model to predict other diseases in future. As of now, it will be used to predict dengue. The mobile app will help monitor preventive measures, including spraying and fogging and door-to-door IEC activities," the Minister said, asserting that situation is not alarming..

Mosquitoes are seen on stagnant water on the roadside. REUTERS

"The mobile application will help get an accurate ground-level picture of prevention activities and incidence. The field staff will update the status of prevention activities and the incidence in their jurisdiction on the mobile app that will also be displayed on a dashboard in the head office. ," Mr. Gundu Rao said.

Rise in cases

From 905 cases on July 12, Bengaluru's dengue tally touched 4,703 as of September 7. While 1,649 cases were recorded in July, 1,589 were reported in August. In September, 416 cases have been reported so far, the Minister said.

" Field staff will ensure awareness creation on prevention, regular door-to-door surveillance to check larvae breeding in open water storage containers apart from fogging and spraying to prevent mosquito breeding," he said.

The Minister said dengue testing will be increased.

"The BBMP has six sentinel laboratories for dengue testing. All samples collected in Namma Clinics, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and other government health facilities should be transported to these labs for testing," he said.

Enhanced salaries

To tackle the paucity of ANMs and male health workers in the BBMP, a decision has been taken to enhance salaries for these posts from the existing ₹12,000 to ₹18,000 per the Minimum Wages Act. The Health Department will bear the additional amount required for this, the Minister said.

He said there is a shortage of 179 ANMs and 108 male health workers in the BBMP.

"Due to the low salaries there are not many takers for these posts. We have permitted the BBMP to enhance their salaries and we will bear the additional expenses," he said.

Technician of private hospital arrested for molesting woman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kodigehalli police arrested a technician of a private hospital in Hebbal for allegedly sexually assaulting a 60-year-old woman patient while taking her CT scan.

The incident occurred on August 4 when the victim was admitted for health issues and was advised by the doctor to get a CT scan.

The accused, identified as Ashok, who was working in the lab, allegedly took her to the lab and disrobed and touched her inappropriately.

Shocked vicitm

The victim was shocked when he demanded sexual favours from her.

After getting discharged from the hospital, the victim narrated the ordeal with her family before she filed a complaint with the Kodigehalli police. Based on the complaint, the police arrested the accused for further investigation.

Suicide prevention campaign at NIMHANS

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The Department of Mental Health Education at NIMHANS in collaboration with Atta Galatta will host a campaign for Suicide Prevention on Friday at Atta Galatta premises in Indiranagar in the city from 5 p.m. onwards.

Aimed at addressing the pressing issue of suicide, the campaign is being held with a theme - "Creating Hope Through Action" by breaking the silence and building support.

The campaign's core objective is to break the silence surrounding suicide and to foster a supportive community.

"By engaging in open dialogue and collective action, we aspire to prevent suicide and create an environment where individuals can seek help without fear or judgment," said Meena K.S., additional professor and head of the Department of Mental Health Education at NIMHANS.

To mark World Suicide Prevention Day, NIMHANS is also organising a "Postvention initiative" on Friday at 3.30 p.m., in NIMHANS Ashwini Hall. Postvention, the compassionate care, and support offered to those affected by suicide loss play a vital role in healing, said Anish V. Cherian associate prof. Department of Psychiatric Social Work.

Two killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two people were killed when the scooter they were riding on crashed into a goods vehicle parked on the roadside without a tail lamp on NICE road on Wednesday night.

The deceased have been identified as Mahesh Chandragowda, 43, a native of T. Narasipura his relative Abhilasha, 26. The duo were passing by Naganagowda bridge on NICE road when the accident happened.

IN THE ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION CENTRE – BENGALURU BEFORE THE HON'BLE SOLE ARBITRATOR
Smt. H.S. KAMALA (District Judge (Retd.)
A.C. No. 306 / 2022 IN C.M.P. No. 400/2019

BETWEEN:
M/s Strategic Infra Services Pvt. Ltd., ...CLAIMANT
AND:
M/s. Global IT Services ...RESPONDENT

Notice/Summons to the Respondent

To,
M/s. Global IT Services
A Proprietorship Concern, Represented by its Proprietor, Mr. Dipendra Kumar, Having office at 11/88, 4th floor, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi (West) – 110 027.

Whereas the above-named Claimant instituted a Claim Petition for payment of money which was due by Respondent in A.C. No. 306/2022 pending before the Hon'ble sole Arbitrator Smt. H.S Kamala (District Judge (Retd.)

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal on **29th day of September 2023 at 11 am** in person or through Advocate/Pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the said Petition may be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this **26th day of August 2023**.

By the order of the Tribunal,

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Mission Road, Bengaluru- 560 027

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Salem Division
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Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction and Distribution branch/ Salem Division. Salem-5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for works in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tender will be accepted. It is the responsibility of Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to obtain Digital Signature certificates for participating e-tendering.

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Appx. value of the work (₹ in lakh)	**434.00**
Cost of tender form ₹	**0**
Amount of EMD ₹	**3,07,000/-**
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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raja Bhavan Road, BENGALURU-560001
IN THE MATTER OF
O. A. No. 1293/2021

Between
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
And
Anil Kumar Kotha
...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 26,39,014/- (Rupees Twenty-Six Lakhs Thirty-Nine Thousand and Fourteen Only)** together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on **24.01.2024** at **11:00 A.M** in person or by pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **30th** day of **August, 2023.**

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

DEFENDANT :-
Anil Kumar Kotha,
Son of Seshagiri Rao Kotha,
933, 1st 'B' Main, ST Bed Layout, Near Maharaja Hotel, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560 047
PAN No. AGGPK1031M.
Phone No.9626037239
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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raja Bhavan Road, BENGALURU-560001
IN THE MATTER OF
O. A. No. 1218/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Ltd., ...Applicant
Versus
Rapid Cabs India Pvt. Ltd. and Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.22,55,340/- (Rupees Twenty-Two Lakhs Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on 05.01.2024 at 11:00 A.M in person or by pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this 28th day of August, 2023.

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

DEFENDANT No.1 :
Rapid Cabs India Private Limited, No.277, 1st Floor, 4th Main, New Thippasandra, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore 560075.
E-mail: rapid.blr@rapidcabs.org
Pan No. AAHCR2836D
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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raja Bhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
IN THE MATTER OF
O. A. No. 1220/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
Versus
Billionsmills Hospitality Pvt. Ltd. and Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 25,07,882.71/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakhs Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-Two and Seventy-One Paise Only)** together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on **05.01.2024** at **11.00 A.M** in person or by pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **28th day of August, 2023.**

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

DEFENDANT No.1 :
M/s. Billionsmiles Hospitality Private Limited No. 840/A, 100 Feet Road, Indira Nagar 1st Stage, Appareddipalya, Indiranagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560038.
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IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BANGALORE (CCH 75)
O.S. No. 25407/2023

BETWEEN :
M/S. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramod G, Aged about 48 years S/o Mr. Gurumallappa
...PLAINTIFF

AND :
MS. ANUSHA L
D/o Mr. Lukas
Aged About 29 Years,
No, 4, Vivekananda Road, Udaya Nagar
Bengaluru- 560016
...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 5,09,840.86 (Rupees Five Lakhs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and Paisa Eighty Six Only)** apart from future interest of 24%, in **O.S. No. 25407/2023** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH 75** Before Addl., City Civil and session Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 05th day of October, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 02th day of September,2023.

By the order of court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560001

FX & Co.,
Advocates,
New No. 9 Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town
Bengaluru-560005

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The general public is hereby informed that my client is intended to purchase the below mention property from its Land owner **MR. S. RAJA,** Aged about 56 years. S/o. Sri T Srinivasa Reddy, Residing at No 23,4th main, SP Naidu Layout Vijinapura, Opp BBMP Park Ramamurthy Nagar,Bangalore North - 560016under the care of Mr Raghvendra S (Raghu gowda) s/o shiva Reddy R/o Nagnathpura ,Bangalore.If anybody having any objection,claim,interest,dispute,for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof sustaining their objection /claim / dispute within seven (7) days from this day of publication, failing which my client will proceed with the sale transaction with the above owner as if their is no objection /claim/ dispute on the schedule property, and thereafter no claims / disputes /objections shall not be entertained.

Schedule property

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Dated 08-09-2023

Sd /-
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Providing support to women dealing with the unbearable pain of vaginismus

Ahead of Vaginismus Awareness Day on September 15, experts call for understanding the condition to provide interventions for women. It is estimated to affect 5-17% of individuals in a clinical setting based on studies conducted in the 1990s. Numbers vary across nations, statistics on women dealing with vaginismus in India are unclear

Soujanya Padikkal

The body remembers what the mind forgets. Psychosomatic conditions like vaginismus are evidence of how our thoughts and our beliefs can manifest in our physical functioning and linger like an invisible wound.

The first time I heard about vaginismus was when my friend confided in me and shared her experience of unbearable pain while trying a menstrual cup. After unsuccessful trips to a gynaecologist and a lot of research, she figured that she might have a condition called vaginismus. In a country like India, where menstruation largely still remains taboo, vaginismus is barely acknowledged in conversations about female sexual health.

Hitting a wall

"It felt very much like there was no vaginal opening and that I was hitting a muscular wall. Impenetrable, without a doubt", says Tanvi Singh, an educator**.** Vaginismus causes involuntary contractions of the vaginal muscles making penetration of any kind; sexual or otherwise impossible or accompanied by excruciating pain, irrespective of the woman's desire. "It is simply a protective body response", says Taru Jindal, a Mumbai-based gynecologist who runs an online vaginismus healing program with Bengaluru-based healthcare platform Proactive for Her.

Vaginismus can be classified into two types - primary and secondary . It is said to be primary when a woman has never been able to engage in penetration of any kind; be it either tampons, menstrual cups, gynaecology exams, or intercourse. It is primarily psychologically driven. We are usually taught "sex is shameful and sex is painful", says Dr. Jindal. These contribute significantly to primary vaginismus cases. Childhood abuse, sexual trauma, religious upbringing, and sexual ignorance are other contributing factors.

It is said to be secondary when a woman who previously tolerated penetration is suddenly unable to do so. Secondary vaginismus could be due to physical or emotional factors. Repeated painful internal examinations or vaginal infections, traumatic childbirth, radiation and surgery around the vagina, and conflicts within a relationship are the causes of secondary vaginismus.

PAIN AND SOLITUDE: Women may be dealing with the pain in silence, without access to community and care. GETTY IMAGES

Vaginismus is estimated to affect 5-17% of individuals in a clinical setting based on studies conducted in the 1990s. The numbers vary across countries. The statistics of women dealing with vaginismus in India are unclear. "I think in a conservative culture, the numbers would be huge", says Dr. Jindal.

Live with the pain

The general notion that sex is accompanied by pain has been ingrained in women since childhood, in traditional households and many assume that pain is normal. "I used to associate sex with physical pain. I believed that the first time any penetration happened, there'd be some degree of pain. I know now that it is not true", says Singh.

Sex education occupies the last bench in a corner of the Indian education system which combined with societal silence takes different forms - fear, pain, guilt, shame, and suffering consume Indian women indiscriminately. With no one to guide them, many women suffer in silence. Like heirlooms and folklore, a piece of advice is passed down generationally - it is common, deal with the pain.

This normalisation of pain results in internalisation and acceptance of it. Even more distressing is the fact that most women are told the pain diminishes with time and to just bear it by gynaecologists themselves. "The first doctor [that I met] at a very reputed hospital told me I should just get drunk. It's in my head", said Shikha Rao, a corporate employee**.**

Finding the right doctor is a challenge. Most women on average take around 3 years to get diagnosed with vaginismus.

> According to a report 60% of women face problems accessing healthcare. Many seek treatment only when the pain becomes unbearable

The right kind of care

According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) report 60% of women face problems accessing healthcare. Social determinants like lack of financial autonomy are among the factors which include inadequacies in the healthcare system. The absence of a female health provider was also of concern for 31.2% of women according to the report. Many women also only seek treatment when the pain becomes unbearable.

Many women think twice before approaching a gynaecologist. Many have recounted how they have felt shamed or been given unsolicited advice during consults. Clearly, not all gynaecologists are like that, but such experiences come in the way of accessing healthcare for fear of being judged.

As a gynaecologist with vaginismus, it took Dr. Jindal 7 years to diagnose and heal herself which led her to wonder about the situation of other women. She healed within a month and it led her to create a four-step vaginismus healing program but it was her husband, Dharav Shah, a psychiatrist, who ideated it. It was launched in mid-2020 through Proactive for Her. A program that started with 5 women per batch now has 40 women per batch.

Addressing the ordeal

While the few doctors who deal with vaginismus have a single or multi-level approach involving therapy, serial dilators, and pelvic floor exercises, Dr. Jindal's programme additionally involves support groups for both women and their respective partners and a pleasure coach. Online space ensures privacy and healing from the comfort of one's home.

The programme begins by addressing one's emotional ordeal. By pinpointing the source, a therapist guides the woman to reflect on her past and make peace with it. It is necessary for the brain to disassociate pain from penetration. "I think it has to do a lot with my upbringing combined with my anxiety," says Ms. Rao. "There was a kind of subliminal messaging. It's not overt, but there is a sense of righteousness."Women also bear additional emotional baggage after their failed attempts at penetration. "During attempts at penetration, there is a lot of anxiety, shame, and a sense of being less because the body is unable to do what should have been natural", says Ms. Singh. This feeling resonates with a lot of women irrespective of their stories.

Support groups

The women are then introduced to the support group. Turns out the core strength of the program is the women's support group. "You work as a community and heal as a community but at an individual's pace", says Mukta Mohan, who works in an NGO. Questions of self-worth and the sense of isolation disappear when women realise they are not alone and it isn't their fault. Apart from healing emotional trauma, learning to relax the mind and listening to the body is crucial. The programme involves the mind and body and pelvic floor relaxation exercises to help relieve tension around the pelvic area. Once women have control over their pelvic floor muscles, vaginal dilators are introduced. There are dilators of different sizes, one starts with the smallest one and proceeds to the largest.

With an increase in the number of participants, Dr. Jindal realised many of them came with different goals - to either get pregnant, save their marriage, or feel accepted. There were hardly any women who came with the intention to 'heal' themselves. It was then that a pleasure coach was introduced who focused on teaching women that sex is pleasurable.

The programme also provides partner support groups facilitated by Dr. Shah. It helps them talk about their own frustration, understand what women with vaginismus go through, and realise that other couples are experiencing similar situations, removing the self blame aspect. Support groups offer a sense of community and belonging in such cases.

Holistic approach successful

The integrated approach of the intervention has proved to be a success. "It's an excellent approach," says Jayashree Gajaraj, a senior consultant at MGM Healthcare, Chennai, who is not involved with the programme . "Approaching it holistically is important and that is what she [Dr. Jindal] is doing".

Since its inception, it has evolved, taking feedback from women who healed and incorporating different methods of healing like art and movement therapy in their recent batches. As of September 2023, around 370 women have been a part of the programme and they claim that 217 have healed completely. While most women heal within an average of 6-12 weeks, some continue the process of healing after the programme.

By the end of the course, women not only heal from vaginismus but also experience personal growth. "I was able to accept, with this programme , that I am strong but there is a part of vulnerability also in me", says Ms. Mohan.

Vaginismus can be treated. Women need to take the first step of reaching out. "They need to understand that there is no need to suffer", says Dr. Gajaraj, "Sexuality is very much a part of life whatever the age."

The limited sex education that India entertains is fear-based and centered around reproductive health more than sexual health. Lack of awareness is one reason that vaginismus remains one of the most under-resesarched female sexual health disorders despite its prevalence. We need to initiate open dialogues around sexual health, inculcate age-specific sex education, and introduce government schemes that explain sexual health in regional languages, experts say.

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Unfolding dementia epidemic requires dealing with huge shortfalls in infrastructure and awareness

Afshan Yasmeen

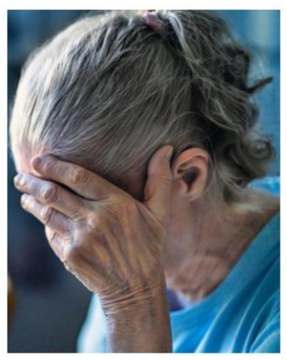
With India's elderly population expected to touch 20 crore in 2031, there is a growing demand for a national action plan to tackle rising cases of Alzheimer's , the most common form of dementia which can impair memory and significantly lower quality of life.

Estimates based on a recent multi-centric study reveal a dementia prevalence rate of 7.4% among those aged 60 years and above, translating to nearly 9 lakh Indians currently living with dementia. From an estimated 88 lakh in 2016, the prevalence of dementia is projected to increase to 1.7 crore by 2036. The study titled 'Prevalence of dementia in India: National and State estimates from a nationwide study' was published in July this year in *Alzheimer's and Dementia*, the journal of the Alzheimer's Association.

A. B. Dey, former head of the department of Geriatric Medicine at AIIMS, New Delhi, who is the co-principal investigator of the study, said it revealed that States like Jammu and Kashmir, Odisha and West Bengal reported much higher rates of dementia. "This is contrary to the earlier belief that southern States with higher aging populations would have a higher prevalence rate of dementia," he said.

In 2012, WHO declared dementia a public health priority and launched the Global Action Plan on the public health response to dementia (2017 - 2025), which emphasises critical areas such as dementia awareness, risk reduction, diagnosis, treatment, caregiver support, and research.

Despite advances in drug development, risk reduction remains the only proven prevention tool, Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), the global federation of over 100 Alzheimer's and dementia associations, has warned. Calling on governments around the world to urgently fund dementia risk-reduction research, education, and support services, ADI has said that nearly 40% of projected dementia cases can be delayed or potentially even avoided by addressing the risk factors. While 40 governments worldwide have so far developed national dementia plans, the proposal is yet to gain momentum in India.



A dementia epidemic is unfolding across the country. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

According to a study published in the *Indian Journal of Public Health* in 2013, the cost of dementia care in India in 2010 for 37 lakh people was ₹ 23,300 crore annually. It is estimated that the families of 88 lakh people with dementia would be spending about ₹ 1,18,902 crore to take care of their kin with dementia in a year at present. The economic burden on the households to take care of 1.7 crore people with dementia in 2036, based on the current projections will be about ₹ 3, 08,395 crore annually, experts pointed out.

P.T. Sivakumar, professor and Head of Geriatric Psychiatry Unit at NIMHANS, said dementia is a major public health problem requiring multi-sectoral intervention to address the whole spectrum of services from prevention to rehabilitation and caregiver support. There is widespread ignorance, low awareness, and stigma surrounding this condition leading to almost 90% of people never getting a diagnosis, he said.

"India contributes to more than 15% of the global prevalence of dementia. This estimate is much higher than the prevalence estimated earlier based on smaller studies. The burden due to dementia is not merely due to the increasing number of cases. It is compounded by the extent of caregiver burden and the lack of adequate health and social care services. The lack of effective cure for dementia necessitates the urgent development of a comprehensive national action plan for dementia to address this public health challenge," the doctor said.

NIMHANS and Dementia India Alliance (DIA) are working with the Karnataka government on chalking out a Karnataka State Dementia Action Plan. DIA president Radha S. Murthy said the State-level plan will align with WHO's global action plan, positioning Karnataka as a pioneer in India to formulate a comprehensive action plan for dementia.

Dr. Dey said the framework for the national dementia action plan needs to include awareness generation, early detection, clinical management and long-term care planning. "The Lancet Commission on dementia has been regularly updating the modifiable risk factors. There is a need for health care providers and the general public to be educated about these risk factors to prevent dementia. The Longitudinal Aging Study in India Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia (LASI DAD) Wave 1 has provided information on several such risk factors and the ongoing Wave 2 is also focusing on new risk as well as protective factors. Diet seems to have an important protective role," he added.

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What does a healthy breakfast mean for you and your day?

Ramya Kannan

The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development has started a series of events to observe the month of September as the 6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, emphasising the importance of nutritious food for all.

The aim is to foster nutritional understanding across India.

This year, the stated objective is to comprehensively tackle malnutrition through a life-cycle approach and in this endeavour, cultivate widespread awareness concerning critical human life stages: pregnancy, infancy, childhood, and adolescence. In this context, here's looking at the role that a healthy breakfast, the most commonly missed meal, plays in the life of children/students.

Bhuvaneswari Shankar, dietician and nutritionist, at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai, explains what a proper, regular healthy breakfast can do for children. Studies show, she says, that children who eat breakfast in the morning perform well in their tests in school, and their brain functions better to improve memory and attention, naturally leading to good scores. Apart from this, children are indeed more energetic if they eat breakfast. The mood is better, again leading to better concentration, and alertness in school. Having a regular breakfast means the metabolism begins to kick in and the body starts to burn the calories. Dr. Bhuvaneswari says that this means that they will not over eat later in the day, and this helps avoid obesity.

Research continues to affirm that breakfast is the meal you should not be missing. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

In a study conducted at Puducherry, on 'Breakfast consumption habit and its impact on nutrient intake and nutritional status of medical undergraduates' published in the *Journal of Nutrition and Internal Medicine*, it was found that body mass index was significantly higher among those who skipped breakfast more than thrice a week. In recent years, missing breakfast has been implicated in weight control, cardio-metabolic risk factors and cognitive performance, as Michael Gibney et al pointed out in a report in the journal *Nutrients* .

The introduction of a free, regular, breakfast scheme will definitely help in reducing the number of children with malnutrition, stunting and wasting, asserts Dr. Bhuvaneshwari. At the same time, she point out that a nutritious breakfast should comprise of carbohydrates from cereals, proteins from pulses, fats from oil, and fruits and milk.

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Autorickshaw driver stabbed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 35-year-old autorickshaw driver was stabbed near Srinivasa Mandira at Balepete on Wednesday night. The deceased has been identified as Suresh, a native of Huliyurdurga in Tumakuru. Suresh partied with his friends previous nigh, and got drunk, had heated arguments with his friends over a trivial row, and got stabbed by his friends who fled the scene, said the police.

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'Issue death certificate to widow of excavator operator'

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while allowing the petition filed by the operator's wife

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court has directed the Registrar of Births and Deaths, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, to issue a death certificate to the 32-year-old widow of an excavator operator, who was washed away in rainwater while cleaning a Storm-Water Drain excavator during rains way back in 2017 and his body remained untraced till today.

Though the BBMP itself had paid ₹10 lakh as compensation to her for the death of her husband Shanthkumar S., the Registrar for Births and Deaths had rejected her application for the issuance of a death certificate.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while allowing the petition filed by Saraswathi S.P. Her husband was working for the BBMP when he was washed away in rain while engaged in cleaning the drain on May 20, 2017.

Application rejected

The application was rejected in 2018 for the reason that certificate from the medical practitioner in Form-4A on the cause of the death of her husband as per Rule 7 and 10 of the Karnataka Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 1999, was not submitted along with the application.

"When there is no body which is available, the question of insisting for a certificate in terms of Form-4A would be completely illogical, the same can never be satisfied. Insistence on the same knowing fully well that it can never be satisfied has caused grave injustice to the petitioner (no pun intended)," the court observed.

The court said that necessary institutional mechanism could be put in place to have a check and balance system for the issuance of death certificate where a body is not found by obtaining approval of higher authorities and while granting such permission record the reasons for doing so. The BBMP authorities cannot choose to keep quiet and do nothing and thereby deprive the petitioner of the death certificate as she would be deprived of various rights and she cannot take up activities that require the production of a death certificate.

Within 30 days

On BBMP's contention that the death certificate would become false if the petitioner's husband returned alive at a later point, the court said this argument was put forward only to justify its action as the BBMP can always cancel the death certificate if the petitioner's husband return alive.

The court directed the Registrar to issue death certificate within 30 days.

Govt. considering making BBMP a separate health unit, says Dinesh Gundu Rao

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Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said discussions were on to consider BBMP as a separate health unit for better management of all government health services in the city. "We discussed this at a preliminary level on Thursday. We will further hold deliberations on this and take a final call," he said.

"At present, Primary Health Centres and Namma Clinics under BBMP are being managed by the civic body. Considering BBMP as a separate health unit will help in better administration," the Minister said.

K.V. Trilok Chandra, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) said a proposal had been submitted to the Health Department to consider BBMP as a separate health unit. "This will enable us to get the full component of the required manpower. As of now, we are working with less than 20% of the manpower required for a vast city. It will also help us in strengthening our health services with additional drug supply and infrastructure," he said, adding that a similar system is in place in Chennai and Mumbai. The Minister said a decision to extend the timings of Namma Clinics had been taken and government approval was awaited. "Following the approval, 50 Namma Clinics in the city will function from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. While lab technicians will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., doctors and nurses will be available from noon to 8 p.m.," he added.

KSCHE post for Jayakara

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Jayakara S.M. Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, has been appointed as executive director in-charge of Karnataka State Council for Higher Education until further orders. The State Government issued notification.

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Number of CBI officers who received police medals from the govt.

35 Tarun Gauba, the CBI officer who probed a corruption case, and the officer who supervised cases of post-poll violence in West Bengal were among the serving and retired CBI officers who received police medals. PTI

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8-13 in percentage. Amidst the recovery in domestic and international air passenger traffic, and improved pricing power, the industry is also expected to trim the losses. PTI

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8.8 in percentage. Data showed a slump in China's exports to $284.87 billion in the fourth straight month of decline, while imports slid 7.3% to $216.51 billion. Total trade surplus fell to $ 68.36 billion. AP

People rescued from floodwaters in Greece after days of flood

800 People have been rescued over the past two days from floods in Greece, the fire department informed, after rainstorms turned streets into raging torrents and washing away roads. AP

Increase in online gig work from 2016 to first quarter of 2023

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Impact of RBI's lending guidelines

Why did the RBI introduce guidelines enabling a borrower to transition from a floating interest rate-based loan to one with a fixed interest rate? How do lenders communicate the impact of switching from floating to fixed rates to borrowers? How does the RBI assess borrowers' repayment capacity?

EXPLAINER

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

On August 18, apex banking regulator the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued guidelines enabling a borrower to transition from a floating interest rate-based loan to one with a fixed interest rate. According to RBI, the endeavour was to address borrowers' grievances pertaining to the elongation of loan tenure and/or an increase in the EMI amount in the event of an increase in the benchmark interest rate. A lack of proper communication along with the absence of consent formed part of the concerns. The provisions would be extended to existing as well as new loans by the end of the current calendar year.

What exactly has the RBI instructed?

The apex banking regulator has given borrowers the option to switch over to a fixed (interest) rate mechanism for their loans from floating rates. This would be based on a board-approved policy drafted by the lending entity. The policy must also specify the number of times such a switch would be allowed during the tenure.

The lender must also transparently communicate to the borrower all relevant charges alongside service charges or administrative costs associated with the transition.

The responsibility would rest with the lender to communicate clearly, at the time of loan sanction, the impact emanating from the change in regime (floating to fixed), such as the change in EMI and/or tenure of the loan or both. The borrower would now also have the option to choose between enhancement of the EMI or elongation of the tenure or a combination of both. S/he might also opt to prepay the loan, either in part or full, at any point during the tenure. This would, however, still invite foreclosure charges or pre-payment penalty. Further, the regulator has sought that lending entities provide borrowers, through appropriate channels, a statement at the end of each quarter enumerating the principal and interest recovered till date, EMI amount, number of EMIs left and annualised rate of interest/ Annual Percentage Rate (APR) – for the entire tenure of the loan. RBI has asked for the statement to be "simple and easily understood by the borrower".

The instructions would apply to all equated instalment-based loans of different periodicities albeit with certain changes based on the nature of the loan.

Financial assessment: RBI stated in the circular that the lending entities are required to consider the repayment capacity of the prospective borrower. REUTERS

What is the difference between a fixed and floating interest rate?

Fixed interest rates are those that do not change during the tenure of the loan. On the other hand, floating interest rates are subject to market dynamics and the base rate – therefore, the risk differentiation. As also contended by several lending entities, floating interest rates are generally lower than fixed interest rates. For example, if the floating interest rate for home loans is 10.5%, the fixed interest rate would be 12%.

Lenders argue that even if the floating interest rate were to rise by up to 2.5 percentage points, the borrower would be able to save more money when it is below the fixed rate. It has been widely argued that their preference for the floating rate-based regime is to better adjust their positions as per the evolving market dynamics. The advantages are transmitted onto the borrower's savings pool, but the opposite also holds true in a rising benchmark rate regime. Also noteworthy is the fact that floating interest rate loans do not draw any prepayment penalty– unlike fixed rate loans.

However, the fixed rate-based regime endows a borrower with greater certainty and security. This also helps in better planning and structuring of individual budgets. Thus, prospective borrowers should note broader evolving economic dynamics and accordingly decide the tenure they seek.

In a largely similar context, in 2010, V.K. Sharma, then Executive Director at the RBI, said at a conclave that lenders may argue that housing loan borrowers would prefer a floating-rate loan to a fixed rate. This is where RBI's guidelines relating to "customer appropriateness and financial literacy and credit counselling" enjoined upon banks come in, he pointed out.

"This is because typically an unsophisticated, and uninitiated, borrower may be driven largely by the prevailing lower short-term interest rates, almost completely oblivious to the potentially higher interest rates over such a long-time horizon, as say, 10 years or more," he stated.

What is RBI's stance on assessing repayment capacity?

RBI stated in the circular that lending entities are required to consider the repayment capacity of the prospective borrower. This is to allow borrowers adequate (or optimum) headroom/margin for elongation of tenure and/or increase in EMI. About parameters for assessment, Governor Shaktikanta Das had earlier stated that banks would have to consider the payment capacity of the borrower and how longpayment capacity would last (the age factor). He cautioned that it would be necessary to "avoid unduly long elongation which sometime may going forward camouflage the underlying stress in a particular loan." The extension, he stated, must be for a "reasonable period".

"It is a commercial decision that the banks have to take. We are just providing some broad guidelines," he informed.

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- On August 18, the RBI issued guidelines allowing borrowers to switch from floating to fixed interest rate loans. The move aims to address concerns about loan tenure elongation and EMI increases when benchmark interest rates rise.
- Borrowers will have the option to switch based on a board-approved policy drafted by the lending entity, specifying the number of allowable switches during the loan tenure.
- Lenders must transparently communicate all relevant charges and administrative costs associated with the transition.
- Borrowers will receive clear communication about the impact of switching, such as changes in EMI or loan tenure, and can choose between EMI enhancement, tenure elongation, or prepayment options.

What is heat index and why is it important to measure?

How does high humidity impact the human body during a heatwave? At what temperature and humidity levels do heat cramps or heat exhaustion become likely?

Priyali Prakash

The story so far:

Earlier in August, Iran recorded a scorching heat index of 70 degrees Celsius (°C) in the coastal part of the country, a metric at which survival of life is unfathomable, if not impossible. The country had also declared public holidays on August 2 and 3 on account of "unprecedented heat," *Reuters* reported. This is not the first time this year that Iran is dealing with extreme heat. In July, U.S.-based weather observer Colin McCarthy reported that the Persian Gulf Airport recorded a heat index of 66.7 °C.

What is heat index?

Heat index, also known as apparent temperature, is a measure of how the temperature feels to humans. Relative humidity is an important factor that determines heat index, along with air temperature.

How is the heat index calculated?

A complex formula to calculate heat index was published by Dr. Robert Steadman, a professor in the textiles and clothing department of Colorado State University, in 1979. Dr. Steadman published two papers titled *The Assessment of Sultriness - Part I: A Temperature-Humidity Index Based on Human Physiology and Clothing Science,* and *Part II: Effects of Wind, Extra Radiation and Barometric Pressure on Apparent Temperature,* both describing his calculations of heat index.

Dr. Steadman's study considers a "typical adult human of either sex, with a height of 1.7 metres and a weight of 67 kg."

Dew point, which is the temperature at which gas is transformed into a liquid state, is an important factor in the calculation of heat index. In terms of atmospheric moisture, it's the temperature at which air cannot hold any more water vapour, and droplets of water begin to form. Dr. Steadman used 14 °C as the dew point in his calculations. Some countries have developed their own corresponding indices to measure heat index instead of using the one developed by Dr. Steadman.

Is it important to measure the heat index?

Hot air can hold more moisture than cold air. Therefore, when temperature rises, the air's capacity to hold moisture also increases, thus affecting the apparent temperature or heat index. Humidity is typically higher during heat waves – which is why the heat index at the time is usually higher than just the temperature because humid air can feel hotter to humans.

How does high humidity impact the human body?

High humidity can lead to heat stress, meaning the body is unable to get rid of excess heat. Humans usually maintain a core temperature in the range of 36.1 to 37.2 °C. When the body is unable to get rid of excess heat, the heart rate increases due to a rise in core temperature, leading to heat-related exhaustion and rashes, among other symptoms. It can also be fatal if not addressed promptly.

At high temperatures, the human body can lose excess heat through perspiration and cool itself. But when humidity is high as well, it is difficult to sweat and then for that sweat to evaporate because the air around is already saturated with moisture. This makes it difficult for the body to lose heat.

On the other hand, if the humidity is low, evaporation of sweat is easier, thus making the apparent temperature feel close to the actual air temperature.

This is why a measure of heat index is more useful than just the temperature to gauge the impact of heat on humans.

What measures can we take to adapt?

A heat index value of 67°C or above can be extremely dangerous for people and animals who have direct and prolonged exposure, said Tashina Madappa Cheranda, senior associate at the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy.

"With climate change, it is likely that we will continue to witness record-breaking heat index values across the world. We will need to prepare and adapt to such extreme conditions by investing in early warning, making changes to work timings, and finding sustainable cooling solutions," she added.

THE GIST

- Iran experienced extreme heat with a heat index of 70°C in August, leading to public holidays being declared due to the unprecedented heat.
- The heat index, also known as the apparent temperature, measures how the temperature feels to humans, taking into account relative humidity and air temperature.
- Dr. Robert Steadman developed a complex formula in 1979 to calculate the heat index, considering factors like dew point and atmospheric moisture.
- Measuring the heat index is important because high humidity during heatwaves can lead to heat stress and heat-related health issues in humans.

South Western Railway operates eight pairs of trains, including six pairs of MEMU, aimed at serving both air travellers and those working at the airport. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Buses from Kempe Gowda bus station leave for the airport at intervals of 15 to 20 minutes from 12.05 a.m. to 11.40 p.m. SUDHAKARA JAIN

A cab ride to the airport is faster but it is expensive. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Navigating the airport commute challenge in Bengaluru

In an experiment to evaluate the Bengaluru city-to-airport commute, **Darshan Devaiah B.P., Aditya Bharadwaj, and Jahnavi T.R.** set out on their journeys from the city centre to the airport using three modes of transport: train, bus, and car

The trains to the airport have very poor occupancy. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The third busiest in the country, Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) – Bengaluru's international airport – handled 31.91 million passengers in FY 2022-2023. However, getting to the airport, about 30-40 km away from the city, is fraught with the city's infamous traffic jams, making the journey a frustrating experience.

At present, public transport to the airport is available in two options: the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporations' (BMTC) airport AC bus service (Vayu Vajra), and the railways' MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) trains. Alternatively, commuters can choose to drive their own vehicles or opt for taxis, as Bengaluru awaits metro connectivity, slated for opening in 2026.

The Hindu conducted an experiment to assess the commuting experience from the city centre to the airport, a journey that typically takes over an hour. Three reporters made the journey on August 6 from Majestic, a central transportation hub in Bengaluru that includes a main bus station and railway station.

They engaged with commuters to gather insights into their airport journeys. The distance from Majestic to Bengaluru airport is approximately 35 km by road, while the train route covers a distance of 45 km.

The reporters used three different modes of transportation: train, BMTC airport bus service, and car.

Poor occupancy

The train journey from Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna station in Majestic started at 8.35 a.m. The train goes to Kolar and has a stop at the KIA. The journey began on time, but as has been the case since the service's launch, the train had poor occupancy; only around 50 passengers were on board, and the coach in which the reporter and photojournalist were seated was entirely vacant. The train journey is the cheapest among the available options: ₹15 per passenger. Within just eight minutes, the train arrived at the Cantonment station, where a few more passengers boarded. Ramakrishna Naidu, a frequent passenger on the train route to Kolar, said there are very few travellers opting for the train to the airport. He believes it might be because of the railway authorities' limited efforts in promoting the service.

> The airport train will be successful if only the Railways improves the frequency and promotes it. It's good that Railways has proposed to extend the train till Chickballapur.
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> **RAJKUMAR DUGAR**
> Convener of Citizens for Citizens

"It could also be due to the inconvenience of switching modes from train to shuttle bus at the halt station. People might find it cumbersome, especially if they have a lot of luggage." Naidu also said the frequency of trains to the airport is quite low.

Eight pairs of trains

South Western Railway operates eight pairs of trains on this route, including six pairs of MEMU trains, aimed at serving both air travellers and those working at the airport. However, in August, two trains that run from Bengaluru Cantonment station to KIA halt station were cancelled, until September 9, due to ongoing track maintenance.

After traversing six stations, the train arrived at Kempegowda International Airport halt station, marking an hour and a half of the train journey. Along with the reporter and photojournalist, only ten passengers disembarked in the station, then boarded the free airport shuttle bus provided by the airport authorities for the onward journey to the airport. All passengers, except one, were airport employees.

Manoj Kumar, an airport employee, said, "Despite its affordability, the service is not popular since it takes a long time and is not punctual. I have no alternative but to choose the train due to its cost-effectiveness for reaching the airport."

Vivek M.U., from Mandya, decided to take the train journey based on a recommendation, but he is not happy with the train's schedule as he is often late to arrive at the airport. He said, "I wasn't aware that the train would be delayed, and I assumed it would be the most convenient choice since I initially travelled by train from Mandya to Bengaluru, so thought of continuing by train."

The shuttle bus takes 20 minutes to reach the airport, which is a 3.5 km ride.

Improve frequency

According to SWR sources, the trains to Bengaluru airport are operating at an occupancy rate of less than 1%. So, the SWR has put forth a proposal to extend these train services to Chickballapur in an effort to boost ridership.

In June this year, SWR had discontinued all MEMU train operations between Bengaluru and KIA railway station due to low occupancy and a shortage of crew members. But, merely 15 days later, the train services were resumed.

Rajkumar Dugar, the Convener of Citizens for Citizens, a volunteer group, said, "The airport train will be successful if only the Railways improves the frequency and promotes it. It's good that Railways has proposed to extend the train till Chickballapur."

Mr. Dugar also pointed out the maintenance of MEMU trains is subpar. "The restrooms, seating, and overall interior cleanliness need improvement."

K.N. Krishna Prasad, a railway activist and member of Karnataka Railway Vedike, said the MEMU services have limited utility, primarily due to the availability of just one train departing from Majestic. "The SWR should consider operating trains at different times and initiating services from other parts of the city," he suggested.

Hassle-free bus ride

A bus journey around the same time turned out to be a smooth ride. Contrary to popular perception that bus services lack punctuality, the bus with route number KIA 9 left exactly at 8.30 a.m. as indicated in the schedule.

According to the schedule put up at the bus station, the buses depart at regular intervals of 15 to 20 minutes from 12.05 a.m. to 11.40 p.m., making it practically a 24/7 service to the airport.

A bus to the airport from Majestic makes 10 trips a day and an average of 300 passengers use it. JAHNAVI T.R.

When this reporter entered the bus, there were just eight other passengers.

The conductor issued the ticket, asking if the payment was being made online. He provided a QR code to pay ₹246 for the ticket. By 8.50 a.m. the bus had reached Hebbal.

A couple of passengers got down there. While there was a smooth flow of traffic up until this point, from here onwards, the pace of movement reduced a little.

Munna, a passenger, had boarded the bus at Majestic with his friend. "We go to the airport once every month to work. We stay in Hassan and come to Bengaluru by bus. From there, we take this bus to get to the airport," he explained. His friend said, "We do not like taking cabs since it's very costly."

10 bus trips a day

The bus conductor said the bus makes 10 trips a day and an average of 300 passengers use it. "The morning hours are unpredictable. But after 4 p.m., both from Majestic and from the airport, a lot of people board the bus. Sometimes all the seats get filled up and they travel standing," he said.

It was around 9.15 a.m. when the bus reached Yelahanka. The bus, which was empty till then, started filling up as airport employees started boarding. As the conductor had mentioned, some people were now standing in the bus as the seats were filled. These commuters are the regulars of this bus.

"I work at the airport, and I used to drive my car from Yelahanka before. The fuel costs would come up to ₹12,000 per month. Then I switched to this bus. The price of a monthly pass is just ₹3,000. The only advantage with the car was that I would reach faster (in 30 minutes) and now it takes 45 minutes. It is manageable as it is only a 15-minute difference," said Aadhya, an airport employee.

By 9.30 a.m. the bus was already inside the airport premises and stopping near various cargo stations and other offices for the employees to alight. In another five minutes, the bus stopped at the bus bay near the departure gates of Terminal 1. The commute from the heart of the city to the airport took an hour, making this reporter arrive 25 minutes before the one who took the train, and 20 minutes after the reporter who drove a car reached.

Highway is the fastest

The car ride from Kempe Gowda bus station in Majestic to Kempegowda International Airport, a distance of 33 km via Ballari Road, took 42 minutes. After starting from Majestic at 8.30 a.m., this reporter reached KIA at 9.12 am.

Contrary to expectations, the ride to the airport was hassle-free, with no slow-moving traffic anywhere. En route, after a traffic signal at the Windsor Manor Junction near Golf Course, the next traffic signal was 500 metres before the Sadahalli Toll Gate, and brief stops at the Toll Gate and later a Central Reserve Police Force manned checkpoint before entering the airport. Despite the peak-hour airport-bound morning traffic, there was no hold-up, but for a minute or so, at the toll plaza and at the checkpoint a few kilometres ahead.

Neither was the notorious Hebbal flyover a bottleneck. That could be because this reporter left for the airport from Majestic at 8.30 a.m., well before the rush hour. However, the road towards the CBD (central business district) was packed with heavy office-bound traffic.

This indicates that the travel time to the airport in a car could vary depending on what time you travel.

M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Bengaluru, while acknowledging that the travel time to the airport by road during evening peak hours might be a bit longer, said it could be an extra 10-15 minutes. Since the stretch is signal-free, traffic would be slow-moving, but doesn't come to a halt.

The claim of the advertisement on Ballari Road to the airport, which also happens to be National Highway 44, saying, "This highway is the fastest access to the airport", turned out to be true, at least at this time of the day.

However, the cab ride to the airport does pinch one's pocket. At 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday (August 6), the cost of a ride from Majestic to KIA was ₹722 - ₹880 for a non-premiere taxi, ₹540 - ₹590 for an autorickshaw and ₹380 for a bike ride.

Parking at airport

In view of the exorbitant cost of cab services, many commuters have opted to drive their own vehicles to the airport and park them there during their travel. Ashish Nair, a resident of Whitefield in east Bengaluru, said, "Whenever I need to fly out of the city for a two-day business trip, I drive my car and park it at the airport, incurring a cost of ₹600 as the initial parking fee and an additional ₹200 per day. This is significantly lower than the alternative of booking a cab, which can costs ₹2,000 for a one-way trip."

WORLD INSIGHT

Sustaining conflict: Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. AFP PHOTO/KCNA VIA KNS

Ukraine war: the issues with Russia's arms purchases from North Korea

The trade between North Korea and Russia, despite international sanctions, raises concerns about the impact on UN sanctions, funding for North Korea's weapons programs, and the transfer of advanced technology to Pyongyang

Daniel Salisbury

U.S. national security council official John Kirby noted on August 30 that arms transfer negotiations between North Korea and Russia are "actively advancing" as the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, seeks to feed his war machine.

Under an array of western-led sanctions, Russia and its military contractor, the Wagner Group, have already allegedly turned to Pyongyang for artillery shells and what has been reported as "infantry rockets and missiles" in the past year.

While these sales and a flourishing business relationship with North Korea may have an important impact on the battlefields of Ukraine, my research on North Korea's arms trading and procurement networks suggests that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is likely to seek technology from Russia in exchange. This would be a huge boost to the DPRK's weapons programmes and, at the same time, greatly to the detriment of the UN sanctions regime that seeks to limit those programmes.

Flourishing military relationship

Recent developments have suggested a burgeoning arms trading relationship, despite denials from North Korea and the recently deceased Wagner Group owner, Yevgeny Prighozin.

In September 2022, the U.S. suggested that the DPRK was supplying Russia with artillery shells in "significant" numbers. And in January 2023 - two months after North Korea allegedly supplied the Wagner Group with the battlefield rockets and missiles - Kirby shared satellite imagery of a train at the DPRK-Russian border carrying the deadly cargo.

In March, Ashot Mkrtychev, a Slovakian national, was sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury department for working with DPRK officials to procure "two dozen kinds of weapons and munitions for Russia".

This suggests that the two countries have several avenues of contact.

In July, the U.S. sanctioned North Korean arms dealer Rim Yong Hyok for facilitating unspecified arms transfers to the Wagner Group.

A 2019 UN report lists an individual with the same name having been the deputy representative of the North Korean arms trading company — Korea Mining Development Trading Corporation (KOMID) in Syria.

This is a theatre in which the Wagner Group has operated extensively, suggesting this may be where at least one arms trading connection was forged.

Brothers in arms

It was, however, the visit of Sergei Shoigu, Russia's defence Minister, to Pyongyang that was the most significant sign of a flourishing relationship. Shoigu - in town to mark the 70th anniversary of the Korean war armistice - was front and centre of the celebrations, attending a military parade and other pageantry, overshadowing the Chinese delegation.

Most significantly, Mr. Shoigu was guided around an arms exhibition by the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un.

The exhibition featured intercontinental ballistic missiles, long-range hypersonic missiles and newly unveiled advanced drones, among a range of other weapons systems.

North Korean arms exports have grown steadily along with its defence industrial base since the 1970s.

Many transfers were made to cold war ideological allies, but the country also increasingly sold weapons for hard currency and barter to soothe its economic woes. Iran was one of North Korea's biggest customers in the 1980s during its war with Iraq.

Since 2006, the country has been under an increasingly complex regime of UN sanctions imposed to counter the DPRK's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) programmes. The UN arms embargos have prohibited the import of major weapons systems from North Korea from 2006, and the import of all arms from North Korea from 2009.

Russia - a UN security council permanent member with veto power - actively endorsed the creation of the DPRK sanctions regime for more than a decade through its votes for sanctions resolutions. The most recent package of sanctions was passed in 2017.

But the country's implementation of the sanctions regime - alongside fellow permanent security council member China - has been far from assertive. There is little evidence of Russian governments' action against North Korea's procurement networks in Russian territory.

Indeed, both countries have increasingly dragged their feet over further sanctions resolutions.

Pyongyang hungry for tech

Clearly, Russia stands to benefit on the battlefield in Ukraine. But its purchases will undermine the North Korea sanctions regime and help to generate revenue for the Kim regime. It could also spur a broader renaissance for North Korea's arms export enterprise.

North Korea desperately wants commodities such as food, oil, fertiliser and other goods. The sanctioned Slovakian individual mentioned above, for example, worked with DPRK officials to procure weapons for Russia "in exchange for materials ranging from commercial aircraft, raw materials and commodities to be sent to the DPRK".

But more worrying than sanctioned commodities, North Korea has long relied on arms sales to fund its weapons development - including its nuclear and long-range missile programmes.

This has been termed "proliferation financing". Great efforts have been made by civil society to encourage governments and the private sector around the world to implement UN sanctions.

Russia has a vast military, nuclear and missile industrial complex, which - although much of it is struggling because of sanctions - could provide Pyongyang with much-needed technological fruits. While evidence of state-sanctioned transfers of WMD technology by Russia is scant, changing circumstances could potentially affect this.

Russia has shown itself to be a bountiful market for North Korean procurement.

A 2022 UN report highlighted the role of a North Korean diplomat in Moscow in procuring a range of technologies for ballistic missiles, and even attempting to procure 3,000kg of steel for North Korea's submarine programme, between 2016 and 2021.

The irony of Russia's new interest in North Korean weaponry is that - historically alongside China - Moscow was North Korea's top arms supplier before the sanctions era. It also more broadly bankrolled the North Korean regime through aid before the collapse of communism and the end of the cold war.

If Moscow does move towards becoming a regular customer for embargoed North Korean arms, it will help Putin sustain his illegal war on Ukraine. But the potential technological pay-off for Pyongyang could pose longer-term hazards for the world and must also be considered.

(The article was published on the website 'The Conversation' on September 4, 2023)

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Reigning for over seven decades on the British throne, Elizabeth II died at the age of 96 on September 8, 2022. Here is a quiz on her, and other queens of England

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

Elizabeth II married Philip in 1934 and again in 1937. Philip renounced his Greek and Danish Royal titles and adopted which family name?

QUESTION 2

If a queen consort is the wife of a reigning king, and a queen regent is the guardian of a child monarch and rules in the child's stead, what was the term used to define Elizabeth II as the female monarch who reigned in her own right? How many sovereign states did she rule over the course of her lifetime?

QUESTION 3

What was the childhood nickname of Elizabeth II, a name that Prince Harry and Meghan gave to their second daughter?

QUESTION 4

She was Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland during a period of industrial, political, scientific, and military change within the U.K., and was marked by a great expansion of the British Empire. This period has been marked as an era named after her. Name the queen.

QUESTION 5

Mary I was Queen of England until her death in 1558. She was also known by what name?

QUESTION 6

Sometimes referred to as the Virgin Queen, she was the last monarch of the House of Tudor. Her reign is known for the flourishing of English drama led by playwrights such as William Shakespeare and Christopher Marlowe. Name the queen.

Visual Question:
This image is from a film where the actor plays the role of a queen. What is the name of the queen, on whom the film is based? Name the film.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This British colony in Africa once had a 'rich' name. Name the original and present name. **Ans: Gold Coast and Ghana**
2. The only Southeast Asian nation never to have been colonised. Name the original and present name. **Ans: Siam and Thailand**
3. Name of the country once known as Upper Volta. **Ans: Burkina Faso**
4. Name the country that was once called Dutch Guiana . **Ans: Suriname**
5. Which of India's neighbours was once called Serendib. **Ans: Sri Lanka**
6. The present name of the 'Trucial States'. **Ans: United Arab Emirates**
Visual: This is the flag of which country once called Zaire. **Ans: Democratic Republic of the Congo**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

Sir, Dr. T. Muthukannappan, Adyar, Madras, wants to know the pronunciation of 'tier' (three tier, two tier)."

" 'Tier' and 'tear' (water coming from the eye) are pronounced in the same way. 'Tier' doesn't rhyme with 'tyre'. However, in the speech of most of our people, 'tier' rhymes with 'tyre'. The booking clerk may not understand you if you pronounce the word correctly!"

"Sir, Mr. Zakir Hussain, Anantapur, wants to know the meaning of the word 'brawl'."

" 'Brawl' is 'a noisy quarrel or fight, especially one in which several people take part, and often in a public place'. 'Brawl' is also used as a verb to mean 'quarrel noisily'. They were brawling about a silly thing. There was a brawl at the street-corner. I hate these drunken brawls."

"Sir, Ms. K. J. Manisha, Mysore, wants to know whether 'crossroads' should be followed by a singular verb or a plural verb."

" 'Cross-roads' is a place where two roads cross. It is used as a singular. We met at a cross-roads. Where is the cross-roads you are talking about? Do you know what a cross-patch is?"

"No".

"A cross-patch is a bad-tempered person. It is a colloquial expression."

"Sir, Mr. S. C. Mazumdar, Calcutta, wants to know the difference between 'exceptional' and 'exceptionable'."

" 'Exceptional' is what is an exception, what is remarkable or extraordinary. He is a man of exceptional character. 'Exceptionable' is that to which an exception can be taken, something objectionable. There is nothing exceptionable in his speech."

"Sir, Mr. B. Ravindran, Ramnagar, Velacheri, Madras wants to know the meaning of the expression 'Shake the pagoda tree'."

"A pagoda is 'a Buddhist temple or a sacred tower in India, China, etc.'. It is also the name of gold and silver coins used in the past in South India. A picture of a pagoda was inscribed on the coins. A pagoda tree is 'an imaginary tree that is supposed to produce gold and silver coins'. Someone must have coined the expression in fun. 'To shake the pagoda-tree' means 'to make fortune rapidly in India'. Shaking the pagoda tree was a popular exercise with the colonials."

"Sir, Mr. K. Senthil, Sirkazhi, wants to know the meaning of 'fusillade'."

" 'Fusillade' is 'a rapid continuous firing of shots'. There was a fusillade of bullets from a solitary house. It is also used figuratively. The book met with a fusillade of criticism. 'Fusillade' is also used as a verb. It means 'to attack or shoot down by rapid gun fire'. The army fusillade the palace last night. The 'u' in the word is pronounced like 'you' and 's' is pronounced 'z'. The 'i' is pronounced like the i in 'bit'. 'Llade' is pronounced like the word 'laid'. The stress is on the third syllable".

Published in The Hindu on April 24, 1989

Word of the day

Transcendence:
the state of excelling or surpassing or going beyond usual limits

Synonyms: superiority, magnificence, importance

Usage: *Through meditation, he sought to achieve a state of transcendence.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/transcendencepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /transɛ́ndəns/

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Sense and sensibility Stills from the documentary *The First Journey* by filmmaker Vinod Rajendra (below). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Get on track

A new safety awareness campaign at South-Western Railway has animated ads and documentaries by Bengaluru-based filmmaker Vinod Rajendra

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After documentaries on dance, art, and heritage, Bengaluru-based filmmaker Vinod Rajendra changes tracks with a project for South Western Railway. Titled *The First Journey*, the recently-released safety awareness campaign began in January and is supported by the ICICI Foundation. "Thirteen 2D animated ads, three live-action short fiction films, and six educational/documentary shorts have been created," says Vinod, who is known for documentaries *Lepakshi* and *Change* – which created Guinness World Records as the most dubbed short documentary and most dubbed short fiction respectively, for being dubbed in 11 languages.

Vinod explains how his father and grandfather are retired employees of the Indian Railways and a few relatives are still working with the department. "I have always had a fondness for the Indian Railways. Growing up, my favourite evening spot after school was my hometown Hindupur's railway station. I used to walk about the platform and watch trains passing by." Which is why the subject remains close to his heart.

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VINOD RAJENDRA
Filmmaker

"The idea of the project is to make passengers aware of safe travel methods," says Vinod, 31, whose animated films discuss issues such as boarding and alighting a moving train, carrying inflammables, and how to avoid level crossing accidents, among others.

The documentaries *After Effects of Stone Pelting*, *Rolling In and Rolling Out*, *Points Man*, *Gate Man*, and *Safety Counsellor*, tackle the perils of stone pelting, safety protocols to be followed, the safety of employees, etc.

"We shot all the films at railway stations in and around KSR Bengaluru City Junction and Yelahanka Junction," says Vinod, whose team primarily comprises freelancers. "For each of my projects, I prefer working with new talent as I could learn from them. For *The First Journey*, I had a team of around 25 people."

He adds that since the attention span of people has reduced, the media content ranges from just 20 seconds to four minutes each. Soon, the films will be screened in theatres, at railway stations, on social media platforms, and other public spaces.

"The films have also been translated into English, Telugu, Kannada and Tamil to reach a wider audience," says Vinod, who is now working on pitches for an animated short on Krishna Deva Raya and a live-action documentary on Bharatanatyam.

Postcards with a difference

Pincodes, an exhibition of paintings on postcards, will showcase the work of around 11 artists this weekend

Size surprise A few of the works that will go on display at Pincodes. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Coming from a generation that grew up in the 1970s and 80s, artist Giridhar Khasnis was reminiscing on how the postcard served the most basic purpose of communication. "Three specific personal instances came to mind. One, my first job interview call was on a postcard. Two, I was informed of my first acceptance for publication via postcard."

Giridhar shares how the third was slightly more interesting. "When I went on my first Himalayan trek in the early '80s, it was to be a 15-day affair. On the day of departure, my father handed me a set of postcards with our home address asking me to drop a line every few days from wherever I was."

Though a few postcards reached home after he did, they were all souvenirs of his trip.

"I felt youngsters today were missing out on the kind of fun we enjoyed and so, I began to put together this exhibition."

Giridhar says he wanted to make this a small experimental show, and he partnered with Pradeep Kumar, faculty for MFA at Bangalore University, who handpicked students who had recently passed out.

"We were looking at a mix of young and old, upcoming and established artists, all of whom would find it challenging to create on a 3"x6" canvas," says Giridhar.

While some have miniaturised their styles to fit a postcard, others have literally stepped out of their comfort zones to create anew.

And much like the artists, the postcards too sport a plethora of media – acrylics, watercolours, collages, pop-ups – and subjects.

The exhibition will be open from 11am to 6pm on September 9 and 10, and visitors can meet the artists at 4pm on both days.

Pincodes *will go on display at Meeta Jain Architects, 2nd Cross Road, MR Garden KEB layout, 1st stage, Sanjaynagar.*
For details contact 8975018236 / 8600263636.

STEPOUT

Talk over a cuppa

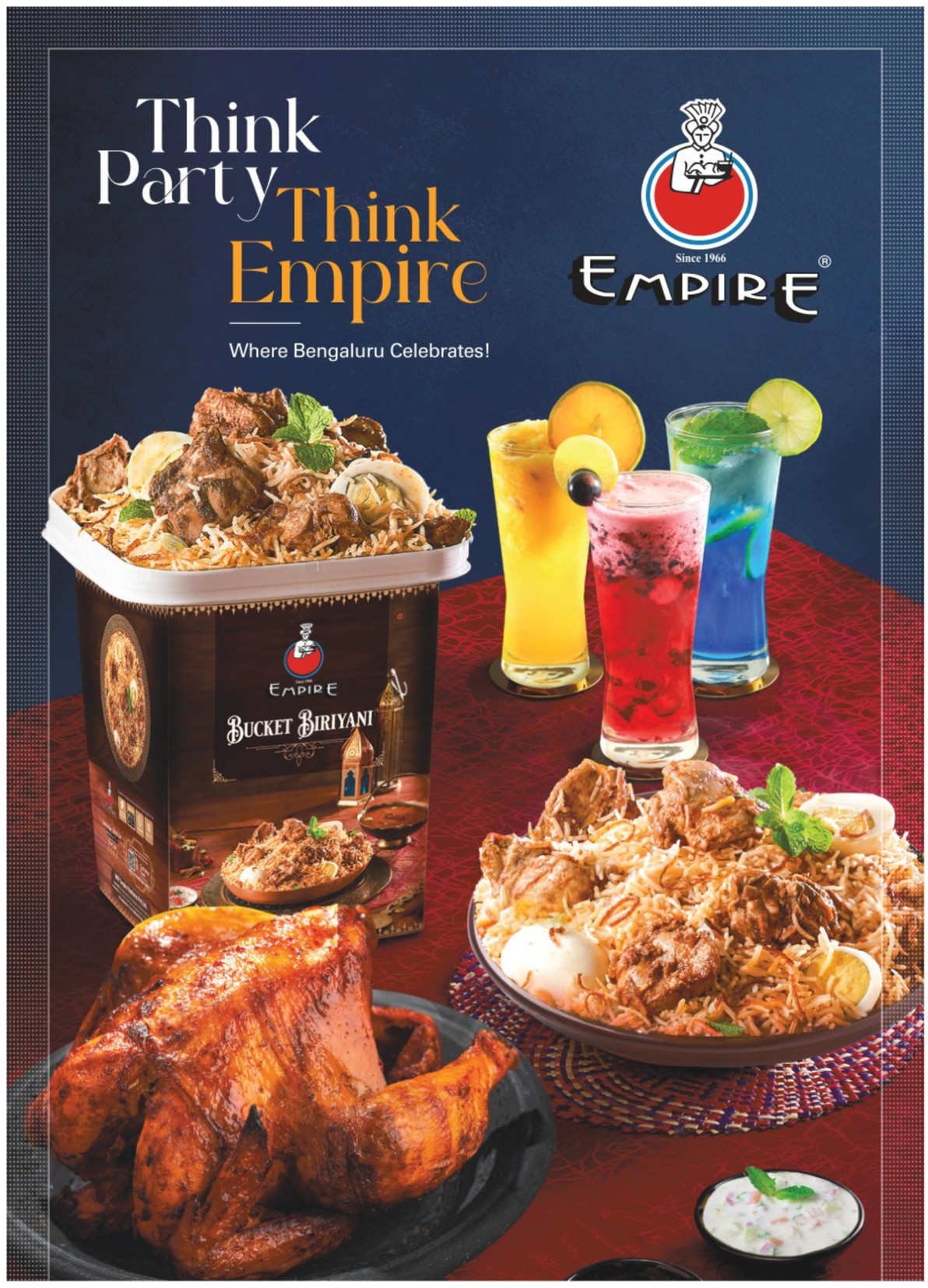
Called Coffee and Conversations, this is a Listeners Circle initiative to facilitate listening without judgment and providing a safe space for anyone to speak their heart out. Listeners Circle aims to build a community where there are no unsaid words, held-back emotions and buried feelings. The event is a part of Atta Galatta's Support Group series.
Tickets priced at ₹150 are available on BookMyShow.
September 10, 11 am, at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar.

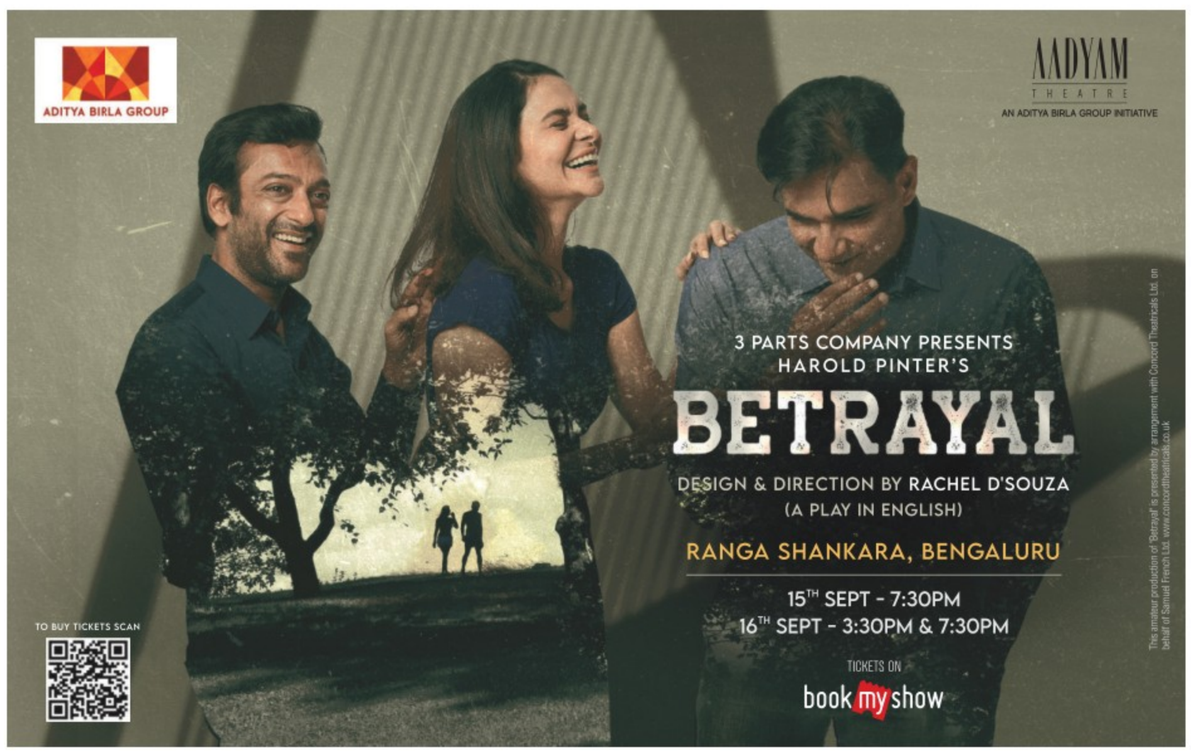
Vintage Kolkata

Now you can experience Kolkata's cabin culture, which started in the 60's, where cabins were designed to be the hub for intellectual and political discussions and creative pursuits. The menu curated for this festival includes *dalpuri* with *aloor tarkari*, prawn *kobiraji*, fish roll, mutton *pantheras* and more.
At Esplanade, through September. Call 7204636284 or 40927878 to book your table.

Ga-ga for ramen

Dig into this street-style ramen pop-up, created by chef Anumitra Ghosh Dastidar of Edible Archives fame. "Having tasted different ramen during my time in Japan, I know how a good bowl of the same can instantly elevate your mood and I wanted to bring that experience to Bengaluru," says the chef. Call or WhatsApp 9113887578 to book your table. The ramen bowls are priced at ₹550 each plus taxes.
On September 9 and 10 at Bento Bento





Cabinet nod for departmental probe into low quality school uniforms supplied by KHDC

The inquiry will be conducted by the Department of Commerce and Industries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government has decided to order a departmental inquiry into the supply of substandard material for uniforms of government school students during the academic years 2021-23 under Vidya Vikas project by the Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation (KHDC) during the previous BJP government.

The probe will be done by the Department of Commerce and Industries.

Briefing on the decisions taken at a State Cabinet meeting presided by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil said handloom weavers supplied 1.34 crore metres of good cloth. However, the quality of fabric supplied by KHDC was substandard.

The poor quality uniforms given to a government school in Gubbi taluk. FILE PHOTO

The work order was issued to supply cloth of ₹144 crore, out of which ₹117 crore was paid. The cloth supplied, worth ₹54.8 crore, was of poor quality. The release of ₹26 crore had been kept on hold. However, it was decided to release ₹14.48 crore to weavers who supplied good cloth to KHDC, he said.

Following the complaint, the MD of KHDC was suspended. The police registered an FIR against Muddaiah S., ex-MD of KHDC, and others.

For delimitation

The Cabinet decided to amend the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act for undertaking delimitation of zilla panchayat constituencies in the Malnad districts of the State. It was proposed to reduce the population size from 35,000 to 40,000 to 18,000 to 25,000 per constituency in hilly regions of Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, and Kodagu districts. However, it would not cover three taluks (Shivamogga, Bhadravati, and Shikaripur) in Shivamogga districts.

In another decision, the Cabinet authorised the Chief Minister to fill vacancies of two members in the Karnataka Public Service Commission; and the chairman and two members of the 5th State Finance Commission.

Administrative approval was given to release ₹17 crore for construction of tertiary cancer care centre at Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, ₹162.8 crore for construction of a super-speciality building on the campuses of Kalaburagi Institute of Medical Sciences; and ₹29.76 crore for construction of hostel building at Koppal Institute of Medical Sciences, Mr. Patil said.

The B.Ed qualification has been made mandatory for teachers recruited for job-oriented courses in PU colleges in the State.

The Cabinet decided to declare a list of drought-hit taluks in the State after obtaining all information on the ground in the next meeting. The issue of releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu was also discussed by the Ministers in the Cabinet but no formal decision was taken.

CM urges PM to withdraw statement on need for 'response' to *Sanatana Dharma* remark

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Terming the statement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Tamil Nadu Minister Udayanidhi Stalin's remarks on *Sanatana Dharma* required a "proper response" as "provocative and anti-Constitutional", Chief Minister Siddaramaiah urged Mr. Modi to withdraw his statement.

In a social media post, Mr. Siddaramaiah maintained that instead of initiating action as per law, instigating people by asking them to provide proper response will be nothing but a call to take law into their hands. He argued that such an action was a crime even if it is done by the Prime Minister.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

Observing that Mr. Modi was not just a BJP leader, but a person who holds the Constitutional post of the Prime Minister, Mr. Siddaramaiah said as per *Rajadharma,* his behaviour, action, and response should be in accordance with the dignity of that post.

"Mr. Modi appears to be still in the hangover of his earlier stint with the RSS. He appears to have forgotten that he is the Prime Minister for the country's population of 140 crore people. It is a matter of concern that being provoked by his statement some of his own party leaders have been giving calls to resort to violence," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

"The Prime Minister's present statement is not surprising considering his earlier actions. The then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee himself had expressed dissatisfaction over Mr. Modi's behaviour as the Chief Minister of Gujarat and given a call to follow *Rajadharma*. On this occasion, I would like to remind Mr. Modi about such an advise by Vajpayee," he said.

HC allows Shanth Thimmaiah to continue as KSPCB chairperson till further orders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday stayed the State government's August 31 corrigendum, which resulted in abruptly ending the tenure of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's chairperson Shanth A. Thimmaiah.

While permitting Mr. Thimmaiah to continue as chairperson of the Board till further orders, the court restrained him from taking any policy decision till the court decides the legality of the government's corrigendum ending his tenure as well as the notification issued by the government in November 2021 appointing him to the post.

A Division Bench passed the interim order while hearing the petition filed

by Mr. Thimmaiah questioning the corrigendum and the PIL petitions, in which the court was monitoring framing of guidelines by the government for appointing chairperson and members for the KSPCB as per the law and judgments of SC.

The Bench made it clear that in case of any urgency in taking policy decision, parties can approach the court to seek permission. The Bench clarified that allowing Mr. Thimmaiah to continue in the post should not be treated as approval for his appointment made in November 2021, while pointing out that he is being allowed to continue as he was the best suitable candidate identified in the selection process undertaken in 2021.

However, whether his appointment was finalised with due permission from the court then or was it in conformity with the rules were to be tested during the final hearing on the petitions, the Bench said. In the corrigendum, issued in the guise of rectifying the notification issued on November 15, 2021, appointing Mr. Thimmaiah as KSPCB chairman, the government had said that his tenure should have been only till March 4, 2022, but it was wrongly mentioned as November 14, 2024.

The government, in the corrigendum, had said that Mr. Thimmaiah was appointed only for the remaining tenure of the then chairperson, whose tenure would have come to an end on March 4, 2022, had he continued in the post.

Though the government on August 31 had appointed Principal Secretary, Department of Forests, Environment and Ecology, as chairperson of KSPCB till new chairman was selected, the court on September 1 directed the government to keep the corrigendum in abeyance.

Mr. Thimmaiah's advocate on Thursday pointed out that despite keeping corrigendum in abeyance, the government had continued the Principal Secretary in the post of KSPCB chief. Following this, the Bench allowed Mr. Thimmaiah to function as chairperson till further orders.

Conference on rehabilitation medicine at NIMHANS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Neurological Rehabilitation at NIMHANS is conducting the 3rd Sate-level rehabilitation medicine conference on Saturday.

The conference on the theme "Robotic rehabilitation - Exciting times ahead" will demonstrate the progress in the area of robotics and its relevance for the rehabilitation of individuals with neurological illnesses. The inaugural function will be held at the seminar hall, Dr. M.V. Govindaswamy Centre at NIMHANS.

Physical medicine and rehabilitation is a specialised branch of medical science dedicated to the treatment, rehabilitation, and upliftment of these individuals living with a disability and their families.

Specialists in rehabilitation mdicine have been attending to the special medical needs of patients suffering from varying debilitating conditions, including stroke, traumatic brain injury, and Parkinson's disease.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOST DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the General Public that our client, **Mr. Deepak Srinivas Padmanabhan,** S/o. Late V.S. Padmanabhan, aged about 64 years, residing at 586, First Stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560 038, is the sole and absolute owner of vacant residential **Site No. 477** totally measuring about 2640 sq.ft in the layout formed by the **NGEF Employees House Building Co-operative Society Ltd,** in Sy No. 35/1, Benniganahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, presently in Bengaluru East Taluk (hereinafter referred to as **'Subject Property').**

This is to inform the General Public that our client has lost/misplaced the following Original Deeds and Documents pertaining to the Subject Property at his above stated residence:

1. Original Allotment letter issued by The NGEF Employee House Building Co-operative Society to Mr. J Sathiananda Paul, then residing at No.4, Cassuriana Street, Bharathinagar, Bangalore 560001.
2. Original No Objection Certificate issued by The NGEF Employee House Building Co-operative Society to Mr. J. Sathiananda Paul to sell the site to Mrs. Rajeswari M. Nath.
3. Original Katha Certificate dated 16/7/1992 issued by the Bangalore Development Authority in the name of Mr. J Sathiananda Paul.
4. Original Katha Certificate dated 26/6/1993 issued by the Bangalore Development Authority in the name of Mrs. Rajeswari M.Nath.
5. General Power of Attorney (GPA) dated 9th January 1995 executed by Mrs. Rajeswari M. Nath in favour of Mr. T.V. Ramachandran, then residing at No.214/8, 37th A Cross, 26th Main, 9th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore 560067.

Our Client has lodged an online complaint with the jurisdictional police in Bengaluru City on 04-09-2023 with Lost Report Reference Number 0713171/2023 regarding the loss of the aforesaid documents.

Any person in possession of the above referred original documents may kindly handover the same to the undersigned.

Except Mr. Deepak Srinivas Padmanabhan no other person/s has/have any share, right, title, interest and ownership over the aforesaid Schedule Property.

Any person or persons dealing with the aforesaid property other than Mr. Deepak Srinivas Padmanabhan shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequence.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 08.09.2023

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
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No: EE(MLM)/TEND/E-Proc-03/2023-24 Date: 07-09-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document KW-1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank for Ganesh Chaturthi Festival at Malleshwaram Sub Division Ward No. 64 (Old No.65), 65 (Old No.64), 62 (Old No.66) & 63 (Old No.76). **(General)**	**6.00**	**15000.00**
2	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank for Ganesh Chaturthi Festival at Mathikere Sub Division Ward No. 60 (Old No.35), 59 (Old No.36) & 61 (Old No.45). **(SC)**	**4.50**	**5625.00**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 08-09-2023. 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **15-09-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals is **16-09-2023 after 11.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.

No: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-03/2023-24 Date: 07-09-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)-(SHORT TERM)
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Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with KPWD / CPWD / BWSSB / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 174, HSR Layout. **(Others)**	**1.80**	**4500.00**
2	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 190, Mangammanapalya. **(Others)**	**1.80**	**4500.00**
3	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 191, Singasandra (Part). **(Others)**	**1.35**	**3375.00**
4	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 175, Bommanahalli. **(ST)**	**0.90**	**1125.00**
5	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 188, Bilekahalli. **(SC)**	**0.90**	**1125.00**
6	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 189, Hongasandra. **(Others)**	**0.90**	**1125.00**
7	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 186, Jaraganahalli. **(SC)**	**1.35**	**3375.00**
8	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 187, Puttenahalli. **(Others)**	**1.80**	**4500.00**
9	Establishment of Temporary Mobile Immersion Tank for the Occasion of Ganesha Festival at Ward No. 193, Arakere. **(SC)**	**1.35**	**3375.00**
10	Preparation, Arrangements and Maintenance of Kalyani for Ganesha Idol Immersion at Agara Lake Kalyani Ward No. 174, HSR Layout. **(Others)**	**4.80**	**12000.00**
11	Preparation, Arrangements and Maintenance of Kalyani for Ganesha Idol Immersion at Singasandra Lake Kalyani Ward No. 191, Singasandra **(Others)**	**4.80**	**12000.00**
12	Preparation, Arrangements and Maintenance of Kalyani for Ganesha Idol Immersion at Arakere Lake Kalyani Ward No.193, Arakere. **(Others)**	**4.80**	**12000.00**

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 08-09-2023. 2)** Last Date for Submission of Tender Documents **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 15-09-2023. 3)** Technical / Financial Bids will be Opened **on 16-09-2023 after 16.30 Hrs. onwards at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP.

CM, Dy. CM walk to mark 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' anniversary

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Thousands of Congress workers walked along with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at Ramanagara on Thursday evening as part of the celebrations to mark the first anniversary of Bharat Jodo Yatra, undertaken by party leader Rahul Gandhi.

Soon after the Cabinet meeting, the two leaders drove to Ramanagara where they were taken in an open vehicle cheered by party workers.

Later, they walked for about 5 km from Ramanagara to Ijoor Cross where they addressed a public rally.

Meanwhile, the anniversary will be marked in the district headquarters on Friday and will be led by district in charge Ministers. The yatra is being held on Friday as Ministers were in Bengaluru to attend the Cabinet meeting.

Sources said the party, which believes that the yatra helped rejuvenate it

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar taking out a padayatra in Ramanagara on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ahead of the Assembly elections in the State, intends to keep the momentum with the Lok Sabha elections months away.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been raising emotional issues and attempting to divide society for votes. He said that the poor, minorities, women, and depressed people were living in fear. The Chief Minister also said that his government will announce a special package for the comprehensive development of Ramanagara district by January.

BJP to stage protest today

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The BJP will hold a Statewide protest on Friday against the alleged 'anti-people policy' of the Congress government.

BJP State general secretary N. Ravikumar said the government was delaying declaration of drought though 198 taluks were reeling under drought. B.S. Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai will participate in the protest in Bengaluru.

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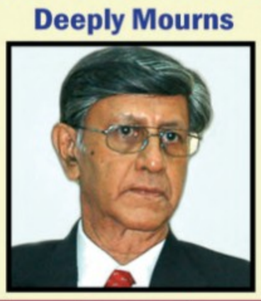

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‘Despite a busy work schedule, youngsters today find time to rehearse and perform plays regularly’

Ramakrishna Kannarpady, at 72, is not yet ready to hang up his boots. He not only continues his work as a theatre make-up artist but also plans on returning to centre stage with a solo show soon

INTERVIEW

Ramakrishna Kannarpady

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BENGALURU

‘I had never imagined I would become a professional makeup artist. I only wanted to be an actor and a backstage worker. Makeup was something that happened accidentally and suddenly,’ says Kannarpady.

At 72, Ramakrishna Kannarpady is not ready to retire and plans to make a comeback on stage with a solo performance. Fondly called *Ramanna* or *Kannarpady sir* in theatre circles, the celebrated make-up artist, backstage expert, actor, and author spoke to *The Hindu* about his 50-year-long theatre journey, as he worked in the green room during a show at Ranga Shankara. He shared vignettes from his journey from working at a factory to taking up theatre as a full-time profession, his accidental entry into the world of theatre makeup and writing his own book on makeup.

You have been doing theatre for more than 50 years now, how has your journey been? What is it that keeps you going?

The fact that theatre has been giving me opportunities for more than 50 years is more important than me sticking around for 50 years. The joy theatre gives me is something I have not found elsewhere; it lets me show the world the creative side that no other field of work would have let me explore.

Back in my hometown, Kannarpady in Udupi district, I was part of many plays and skits, it made me quite popular and my interest in theatre started from there, but I moved to Bengaluru in 1970. I worked at a factory and met someone there whose brothers had a theatre troupe. That’s where my journey started.

Back then women were not in theatre. I had a good complexion, was fit, and was asked to do the role of a female character. From then on, I did not look back. Over the last 50 years, I probably could not involve myself in theatre for not more than 10 months due to personal reasons, but the last 50 years have been tremendous. I am 72 now, for me age is just a physical factor. I feel much younger. People keep reminding me that I am old and ask me to retire, but I am not ready for it yet.

How did your journey in the makeup world begin? Makeup Nani, a pioneer in the field, was your guru. How was your experience learning and working with him?

I had never imagined I would become a professional makeup artist. I only wanted to be an actor and a backstage worker. Makeup was something that happened accidentally and suddenly. I had enrolled myself for the first batch of Bengaluru University’s diploma course in theatre in the year 1973 and was not great at doing makeup, but that is where Makeup Nani noticed me. He asked me to tag along with him during shows now and then. I would help him set up his makeup station, and eventually, he started teaching me the basics. One day he took me to a weeklong college competition, and I assisted him, the next day he did not show up.

I did not know what to do or how to reach out to him, as we did not have mobile phones back then. A few hours later he called the college landline and asked the staff to let me know that he would not be able to make it, and I had to do the makeup myself. I was scared, but equally brave, as Makeup Nani would not be around to notice the mistakes I made. Since then, I started getting more opportunities, and I have gone on.

You have written a book on makeup called *Prasadana - Neevu Kaliyiri*. What motivated you to write this book, what is it about?

Makeup Nani had written a book on makeup from which all of us learned a lot, but I wanted to write a simple and elaborate book on everything from basics to the important steps, material, tools, equipment, and everything else involved in makeup. I wanted to write a book that can be easily read by anyone, especially theatre practitioners.

I wanted the book to help any theatre practitioner and actor to be able to do makeup him/herself. I kept telling my friends and fellow theatre practitioners B.V. Rajaram and Vijaykumar Benacha about the idea of a book, and they encouraged me to do this. My memory is not that great, so it took me two years to compile my experiences and write this book.

What is the future of makeup as a profession in Kannada theatre?

The future of makeup in Kannada theatre is in great hands, we have makeup artists who are extremely talented. Vijaykumar Benacha who started doing makeup under me now does it independently, there are lots of youngsters who are now learning makeup from him and are doing great. The other advantage is that learning makeup is quite easy these days. Earlier we had to do in-depth research of characters before starting makeup on an actor, but now everything is just a tap away on the internet. Be it makeup for a mythological play, or a social play, everything can be looked up on the internet in seconds. The style of makeup changes eventually over a period, and it will change in the future too. There are many young artists who are keen on learning makeup in almost every Kannada theatre troupe.

You are an actor and a mime specialist, trained under the guidance of V. Ramamurthy. But now we don’t get to see you on stage as much. How was your acting journey, is there a particular play or role which you are fond of even now? Do you plan to get back on stage sometime?

Back in my hometown, I was a popular actor and got very strong characters to play. I have played major characters in many plays both in my hometown and in Bengaluru. But it is not the long stage time or the monologues that come to my mind now, but that of a small character with just one dialogue in Ashok Badardinni’s Kannada version of *Hamlet*, in which I played the character of a player/actor.

I was very happy with that character, from my entry to my exit, that character mesmerized the audience every single time we performed, and it is something I would love to perform again. My journey as an actor has been satisfying so far, but I want to do a one-and-a half-hour-long solo play. Many might say I am old and won’t be able to do it, but my madness for theatre does not end here. If time and health permits, I will soon get back on stage with this play.

Everyone in the theatre world knows that you are someone who likes working backstage. Years ago, during the month-long Bombay tour of Benaka started by the legendary theatre person B.V. Karanth, you had a backstage team called *Agochara*. What was it like working in the group and why is backstage work important for theatre?

We travelled for the Bombay tour for almost a month, and a group of us were responsible for the backstage work. It included artists like Ananthram, Gopi, Chandru, Raghavendra, Raganni and I. We worked behind the curtains, never in the limelight, and mostly invisible to many. *Agochara* translates to invisible, and our initials put together also came along as *Agochara*, so we named our group the same.

B.V. Karanth would ask T.S. Nagabharana to have a look backstage wherever we travelled, he would okay the stage, after which we began our work. The best part about Benaka was that nobody would step out or have a meal until we *Agochararu* completed our backstage work. Slowly, people started showing interest in backstage work and everyone got involved. Backstage work brought in a lot of unity within the team. We are now family. Backstage work is the backbone of theatre.

You have seen Kannada theatre grow with you. What is the status of the art form according to you, what do you want for the future of Kannada theatre?

A lot of theatre practitioners my age might say that Kannada theatre has changed, and it was different in our times. I agree that things have changed, but our lifestyle was different back then, our working hours back then were flexible and all of us had more time and energy to create quality theatre. There was healthy competition too due to our lifestyle. If some troupe performed all of us would cancel our rehearsals and go watch their show. But artists’ lifestyles, especially that of amateur artists’, are different now.

But despite having a busy work schedule, youngsters find time to rehearse and perform regularly. People also say that there are not many good plays being made now. I however do not agree with this statement, there are writers and theatre makers like B. Suresha, S Surendranath and others who write and produce wonderful plays that are creating a trademark.

Kannada theatre troupes have multiple workshops being conducted quite often. In Bengaluru itself we have so many performance spaces that are packed with audience almost every day. Kannada theatre has always been active, produced quality plays and is in good hands. I believe the future of Kannada theatre is bright.

From the French Colony to Bengaluru, an adaption of Molière’s The School for Wives

The play is a ‘disloyal adaptation’ of Molière’s popular play, where the performers explore the story of Agnès when she was bought by Arnolphe

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Valavane says that he wanted to bring out the experience the character Agnès goes through but in an Indian set-up.

Indianostrum, a renowned theatre company from Pondicherry, is gearing up to present a theatrical performance of Molière’s *The School for Wives* (*L’école des Demmes*) in Bengaluru. The troupe will present shows on September 7, Friday, at 7.30 p.m. at Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield, and on Saturday, September 8, 3.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. at Ranga Shankara, J.P.Nagar.

The play is a ‘disloyal adaptation’ of Molière’s popular play, where the performers explore the story of Agnès when she was just a four-year-old child and was bought by Arnolphe from her guardian. She was raised to be the perfect wife for Arnolphe, albeit an ignorant person.

She was kept away from any kind of knowledge or education in a secluded house with only two servants who were as ignorant as she was. With no opportunity to interact with the outer world, she spent 16 years of her life in Arnolphe’s house. Arnolphe is now ready to marry her. Will her story end up the way Arnolphe planned it, or will Agnès write her own story? This is what the play delves into.

Directed by Koumarane Valavane, and assisted by Srijita Kar Chowdhury, the play stars 16 talented actors and a skilled production team from across the country. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Valavane says that he wanted to bring out the experience the character Agnès goes through but in an Indian setup.

“In the play, Molière wanted to do a social experiment, as in those times it was said that if a girl was educated or had knowledge, it would give her the freedom to explore feelings of desire. I wanted to see how this social experiment works in our Indian context. Many Indians for very long have been of the impression that a girl must be protected and if a girl is sent to school or is given the freedom to explore life, she will grow up with aspirations which according to many are wrong.“

“I have taken the freedom to change the script a little, as in the original there is a male protagonist who comes to the rescue of the young woman. But I wanted to build a strong female character who fights her problems and walks into the world. I also imagined Molière coming to India and making this play inspired by our numerous folk cultures like Lavani, Therukoothu, folk songs, Bollywood Cinema, and other popular art forms which are important elements in this play,” Mr Valavane added.

The multilingual play which will be performed in English, Hindi, Marathi, Kannada, and Tamil is a celebration of expression of Indian theatre says Mr. Valavane “Our new team of actors are from all over India. They come with their own language of theatre, vision of theatre, and their own forms of theatre. The play is a celebration of expression of Indian theatre to find the serpent in or outside us though Molière writing”, Mr. Valavane says.

Mr. Valavane says that this is a very serious play that uses comedy and he was initially integrated with how the audience would respond to this play. “Molière says ‘The duty of comedy is to correct men by amusing them.’ I was initially integrated with how the audience would respond to this play. However, we all believe in the fact that weakness is something women must fight. We use this play and elements of comedy to question our own culture. There is music, songs, and a celebration. The play ends in a festive way. The audience so far has liked it.” he said. Tickets for the shows are available at the venues and on BookMyShow.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 8, 1973

Mysore’s Plan Outlay May be over Rs. 1,000 Cr.

Bangalore, Sept 7: Mysore’s Fifth Plan may be larger than the size (Rs. 830 crores) originally indicated by the Planning Commission, according to the Chief Minister, Mr. D. Devaraj Urs, and the Finance Minister, Mr. M.Y. Ghorpade, who returned here to-day, after talks with the Planning Commission, which they described as fruitful and frank.

The size would be anywhere between Rs. 1,100 and Rs. 1,200 crores as against the claim of Rs. 1,350 crores made by the State Government while presenting its draft fifth plan.

MLAs Want Uniform Law for Temple Administration

Bangalore, Sept. 7: The demand for uniform legislation governing the administration of all religious institutions in the State was made by many members in the Mysore Assembly to-day during the inconclusive discussion on the Renuka Yellamma Devashana (Administration) Bill, 1973. The Bill provides for the administration and control of the Renuka Yellamma Temple in Saundathi, in Belgaum district. Moving the measure, the Revenue Minister, Mr. N. Hutchmasthi Gowda, said that the affairs of the temple were now managed by two committees, the trust committee and the pilgrims Saundathi Yellamma municipality sub committee.

It was felt that the administration of the temple should be under one body in order to develop the temple as a tourist-cum-pilgrim centre and to provide better amenities.

Karnataka InFocus

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NUGGETS OF HISTORY

The little-known tomb of Babasaheb

The tomb of Babasaheb is located in the military camp area of Belagavi, which for long was neglected. Adjacent to his tomb are the tombs of his mother Yamunabai Dadaji and wife Savitri Bhave, who ended their lives by jumping into Malaprabha, after the British captured Baba Saheb and executed him on June 12, 1958. The tombs were built after a century in 1957.

Building of fort by the Marathas

Naragund Fort located on the hill of Naragund town was constructed in 1675 by the Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji. The name Nargund comes from Naragunda, which means 'hill of jackals'. The fort was under the possession of Aurangzeb, taken back by Marathas under Ramrao Dadaji Bhave in 1706-07. It was then captured by Hyder Ali, and later his son Tipu Sultan.

Only the remains of a glorious past

The fort eventually came under the possession of Bhaskar Rao Bhave. During the rebellion in 1858, Babasaheb had stationed three of his cannons on the fort. Now there is not much left of the fort, a portion of which was reportedly damaged during the installation of the windmills atop the hill. Damaged water tanks and watch towers can be seen on the hill.

Inspiration for a play in Kannada

The Naragud rebellion is celebrated through folk songs and also through plays. Playwright Achutrao Huilgol wrote a patriotic drama titled it 'Naragund Muttige', which was first staged during the Belagavi session of the Indian National Congress. It was performed by Shri Shivanand Sangeet Natak Mandali. But the British authorities cancelled its license to perform.

Play in English too on the rebellion

In 2010, former Professor of English at Karnatak University and bilingual writer Prof. Basavaraj Naikar penned the historical play 'A Dreamer of Freedom' based on the life of Naragund Babasaheb in English. It revolves around the 1857 War of Independence with Babasaheb as its protagonist. The play captures the conflict between Babasaheb and the British.

Palace of a hero of 1857 rebellion now a govt. office, in a shambles

Bhaskar Rao or Babasaheb is described as a brilliant person who had a library of nearly 4,000 Sanskrit works in his 'Wada'

What once served as a stable for horses and elephants has now been converted into a private school. The stable surrounds the Venkatesh Temple (Venkappa Temple) believed to have been built by Babasaheb and now managed by a trust at Naragund town in Gadag district. GIRISH PATTANSHETTI

Girish Pattanashetti
HUBBALLI

Amid the usual concrete structures that house government offices, the Naragund Town Municipal Office stands out. Large wooden pillars welcome visitors to the office, and as they step in, they see a locked old wooden door. On either side are two small rooms where one can see typical government employees buried in piles of old files. As they stand before the locked door, they see a narrow stairway leading to the first floor. Wooden pillars and ceiling on the first floor make them realise that they are in a heritage building, which has been disfigured owing to repair works taken up by unqualified workers with least regard for preserving the heritage.

But as they enter the adjoining room, which is now the office of the Chief Officer of the Town Municipal Council, their eyes light up. The decorated walls and ceiling, and the myriad hues of traditional artworks immediately catch a visitor's attention. "This is what remains of the Babasaheb's palace (Raj Wade) now, and there is one of his swords preserved in the other room," said senior staff R.P. Malakar.

Barring the chief officer's room, there is nothing in the whole premises to indicate that this building was once the palace of Bhaskar Rao Bhave also known as Babasaheb Bhave, who rebelled against the British a year after the first war of independence (1857) and was subsequently caught and executed.

Bhaskar Rao II Bhave, fondly known as Naragund Babasaheb was the ruler of Naragund (comprising 33 surrounding villages) who succeeded his father Dadaji Rao III in 1842. According to the Dharwad District Gazetteer "Even earlier to the rule of the Peshwas, Chatrapathi Shahu had founded the Jahgir at Nargund. Rama Rao Bhave had been granted Naragund village as a Jahgir in 1711. In addition, the Savanur Nawab granted one taraf to the Bhave family."

Bhaskar Rao or Babasaheb is described as a brilliant person who had a library of nearly 4,000 Sanskrit works in his 'Wada' (Big house with courtyards, also referred to as a palace). He was one among those rulers, who were affected by the Doctrine of Lapse introduced by Governor General of India Lord Dalhousie. His inability to adopt a son to succeed him rattled Babasaheb and an upset Babasaheb who got in touch with Peshwa Nana Saheb, who was leading the 1857 War of Independence.

Babasaheb put together a coalition comprising the heads of the neighbouring princely states of Ramdurg, Nippani, Dambala, Mundargi, and

The only somewhat preserved portion of Babasaheb's palace in Naragund, which now serves as the Chief Officer's cabin/room at Naragund town in Gadag district. GIRISH PATTANSHETTI

Koppal. The intelligence report of the same reached the British officers, who were already busy tackling the rebellions in Northern India and they sent Charles Manson, Political Agent of the region to tackle the situation in advance.

Babasaheb gained the initial advantage, he lay seize on the camp of Charles Manson at Surebhan village near Naragund on May 27, 1858, and killed him. The decapitated body of Manson was thrown into the fire and Babasaheb brought the head as an exploit and hung at the 'Agasi' (entrance) of Naragund, which is now known as 'kempagasi' (red entrance).

After killing Manson, Babasaheb received the shock of his life, when he found that his own close associates Krishnaji Joshi and Banya Bapu had been reporting all his activities to Manson secretly. He found the letters of correspondence between them which were in the possession of Manson, which also revealed that they had caused damage to the stock of gun powder in the Nargund fort.

Although Babasaheb sought help from Mundargi Bhimrao, he was not in a position to help as he reached Koppal and was engaged in fighting the British.

On hearing the news of Manson's death, British army led by Col. Malcolm reached Nargund and laid siege to Nargund on May 31. On June 1 they marched towards the fort. Of the nearly 700 people who confronted them, 70 were killed. The next day, when they entered the fort and reached the palace it was. The valuable library was burnt

The Venkatesh Temple (Venkappa Temple) is believed to have been built by Babasaheb is now managed by a trust. GIRISH PATTANSHETTI

The dilapidated fort located atop the Naragund hill at Naragund town. GIRISH PATTANSHETTI

down by the furious British army.

In the folklore

Having been deceived by treachery and perfidy, the disolutioned Babasaheb had left the fort. However, he was pursued and caught near the forest of Toragal. His mother Yamunabai and wife Savitribai ended their life by plunging themselves into the river. Babasaheb was tried and hanged at Belgaum on June 12, 1858. The rebellion of Babasaheb which resulted in the killing of Manson and his subsequent execution has found its way into the folklore in the form of 'lavani' and is referred to as 'Naragund Bandya' (Naragund Rebellion) in the history of Karnataka, while British records term it another 'mutiny' by chieftains.

Converted to municipal office

The 'raj wade' (palace) captured by the British was later turned into a municipal office after one was established in 1871. Just few years before India attained independence, i.e. on May 20, 1942, the Municipal Office, Naragund purchased the building for Rs 4,000. A plaque (dated 1-3-1943) giving details of the purchase and office bearers of the municipality still adorns the front wall of the building.

All these years, the Raj Wade has been used as the municipal office of Naragund, which is a Town Municipal Council (TMC) now. Over the years, the structure has undergone temporary repairs, and several portions of the structure have already collapsed or rendered unfit for occupancy. While some efforts have been made to retain the old structure, it seems the damage has already been done due to lack of maintenance.

The adjoining annexe with a courtyard, which reportedly was the women's quarters (Annapurna) has been leased out to an organisation running a 'rehabilitation centre for destitute and elderly persons'. The structure seems to be fragile. A portion having an underground secret annexe has caved in. The front elevation of the annexe has undergone a change with cement and bricks being used for the purpose. The words 'babasaheba aramane' (Babasaheb's palace) written on it look amusing considering the change the building has undergone.

A water tank atop Naragund hill, covered by the now dilapidated fort. at Naragund town in Gadag district of Karnataka . GIRISH PATTANSHETTI

It is not that none is bothered about preserving the history. A group of teachers and writers from Naragund made a futile attempt to trace and collect more information on the relatives of the Bhave family, but to no avail. According to C.S. Salutagimath, Professor of Political Science and Retired Principal of Government Degree College in Naragund, still a lot is needed to be done to unearth details pertaining to the freedom fighter. People like him and other like minded persons hold programmes to commemorate the sacrifice and a memorial hall has been constructed in the town. And bust of Babasaheb installed in front of the municipal office welcomes the visitors.

Will it be restored?

More than the thinking to preserve the structure as a monument, the structural fitness of the building seems to have forced the authorities to chalk out plan for building a new municipal office for the town. The plan was sanctioned during the 2017-18 fiscal year and the building is in the final stage.

However there is no clear cut plan as such on restoring the structure. Amit Taradale, Chief Officer of Naragund TMC, told *The Hindu* that probably with the plan of restoring and preserving the structure, the new building was planned. "It may take another six months for the new building to get completed. Once the office is shifted, we will take a call on the restoration issue. We will have to consult various departments before taking a final call. The issue of restoration, whether to convert into a memorial or museum and other issues have to be decided upon in consultation with senior officials", he said.

(Sources: Dharwad District Gazetteer, History of Indian Mutiny, 1857-1859 by Colonel G.B. Malleson, CSI, Published from London in 1880)

Karnataka CM tells officials to work in tandem to check atrocity cases against SCs, STs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday told officials of four departments of Police, Law, Social Welfare, and Revenue to work in coordination with each other to reduce cases of atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and to ensure proper handling of registered cases.

He chaired a meeting of the State-level vigilance and monitoring committee and gave clear instructions to four departments to work in tandem with each other to reduce cases of atrocities. The SC/ST Atrocities Prevention Act, and Protection of Civil Rights Act have been implemented due to the fact that it was not possible to provide proper justice to cases of atrocities under the Indian Penal Code. The government should give utmost importance for effective implementation of the Acts, he said.

Police officers should consider the matter seriously. Strict instructions should be given to SPs and DCPs to file a chargesheet within two months. All efforts should be made to give sentences by considering them as special cases, he suggested.

"It is very disgraceful that the rate of conviction in the State is just 3.44%," he said. Noting that submission of the chargesheet should not be delayed for any reason, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the police should be attentive so that the evidence does not fail. Politicians should not interfere in atrocity cases and should cooperate with the police. "We will consider setting up fast track courts where more cases are pending," he said.

More power to CRE cell

Minister H.C. Mahadevappa said a report on strengthening the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (CRE cell) has been prepared and the file would be submitted to the Chief Minister as announced in the current Budget.

Police in Aluva arrest youth for allegedly assaulting 8-year-old

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Just a month after a five-year-old migrant girl was abducted, raped and murdered in Aluva, another migrant girl, an eight-year-old, was allegedly abducted from her house, where she was asleep along with her parents, and sexually assaulted at Edayappuram in Keezhmadu panchayat, near Aluva in Kerala.

The suspect, identified as Christal Raj, 27, of Neyyantinkara, was arrested by a special squad of the Ernakulam Rural police.

Indian Coast Guard rescues 10 stranded fishermen at sea

ICGS Ayush rescued fishing boat *Ganapathi Perumal* that had been drifting since September 1; a surface and air-coordinated search by the Indian Coast Guard Ships and aircraft located the boat

Sumit Bhattacharjee
VISAKHAPATNAM

Indian Coast Guard Ship *Ayush* rescued distressed fishing boat *IFB Ganapathi Perumal* along with 10 crew members, about 83 miles east of Visakhapatnam coast on Wednesday.

Fishing boat *Ganapathi Perumal* (Manju Matha) ventured for fishing from Kasimedu harbour, Chennai, on August 24.

The boat suffered machinery breakdown and some technical snag and continued drifting since September 1.

Back to shore: Indian Coast Guard Ship *Ayush* towing the distressed fishing boat *IFB Ganapathi Perumal* on Wednesday.

A surface and air-coordinated search by the Indian Coast Guard Ships and aircraft located the boat about 83 miles from Visakhapatnam coast.

MRCC Chennai requested the nearby Merchant vessel MV *Jag Radha* to monitor the boat till the arrival of the Coast Guard Ship.

Logistic, medical aid

Coast Guard Ship *Ayush* arrived at the location in the early hours of September 6, and provided necessary logistic, medical assistance and towed the boat to the nearest port in Visakhapatnam.

The boat along with crew were finally handed over safely to Fisheries Department at Visakhapatnam on Thursday.

Speculation on JD(S)-BJP tie-up gains steam after Deve Gowda's trip to Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Speculation about a possible BJP-JD(S) alliance ahead of the Lok Sabha elections has gained steam after the return of the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda from a trip to Delhi recently. Multiple sources in JD(S) confirmed that the leaders of both parties had a round of discussions on the tie-up.

While party leaders are tight-lipped as to who the JD (S) supremo met in the BJP, party elected representatives whom Mr. Gowda and his son and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy met on Wednesday have apparently indicated their support to such a move.

Preparation for LS polls

The meeting to prepare for Lok Sabha elections, the first Mr. Kumaraswamy attended after he was discharged from the hospital, also came a day after Mr. Gowda returned from Delhi. He is learnt to have had discussions with BJP leaders during his visit to the national capital.

"There was unanimity that the decision could be taken on the alliance by Mr. Gowda and Mr. Kumaraswamy," a senior leader told *The Hindu*. The leader also confirmed that the preliminary round of meeting had taken place, and that the BJP was keen on an alliance with JD(S), especially after the saffron party was drubbed in the recent Assembly elections. The leader also said that the matter was likely to be discussed at the JD(S) steering committee before a decision was conveyed to BJP. "In all likelihood, the alliance could be announced within the next two months," he said.

Among the seats that have come up for discussion for sharing between the two parties are Mandya, Hassan, Tumakuru, Chickballapur, Kolar, and Bengaluru Rural, party sources said.

Though there has been no final decision, the regional party is learnt to be keen on Mandya, Hassan, Tumakuru, Chickballapur, and Bengaluru Rural. "Further discussions on seat sharing and finalisation could be in September and October."

Man held on terror charges remanded in judicial custody

The Hindu Bureau
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Seyid Nabeel Ahamad, who was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on terror charges from Chennai, was remanded in judicial custody till September 12.

NIA Special Judge Mini S. Das remanded the accused, a native of Thrissur, in custody at a sitting held in her chamber at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday. The agency arrested him from a lodge at Padi in Tamil Nadu on September 5.

The agency alleged that Ahamad was part of the IS/IS-KP module which acted prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of the country. He was part of a terrorist organisation and was engaged in organised criminal activities to raise funds for furthering the activities of the organisation. He, along with a few other accused, was engaged in identifying, recruiting and radicalising Muslim youth, the agency alleged.

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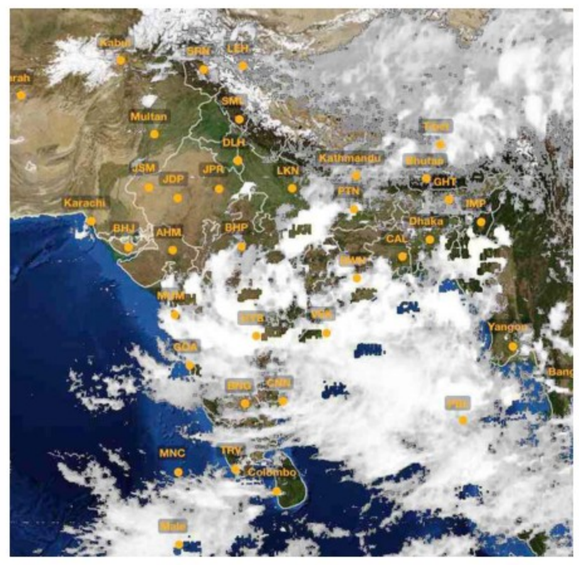
Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	4.4	33.0	26.1	Kozhikode	89	29.6	24.0
Ahmedabad	0.4	37.0	26.5	Kurnool	—	33.0	23.6
Aizawl	6	27.0	22.6	Lucknow	3.7	34.0	24.7
Allahabad	62.8	33.6	24.4	Madurai	—	34.2	24.6
Bengaluru	—	29.0	21.3	Mangaluru	2.4	29.7	24.0
Bhopal	2	29.0	23.5	Mumbai	8	31.3	26.0
Bhubaneswar	16	32.8	27.1	Mysuru	5	31.8	23.8
Chandigarh	—	37.0	25.4	New Delhi	—	37.7	27.0
Chennai	—	35.0	26.4	Patna	—	34.3	26.6
Coimbatore	—	31.1	22.8	Port Blair	1	30.6	25.0
Dehradun	—	35.9	24.6	Puducherry	—	35.8	26.8
Gangtok	2	24.8	18.0	Pune	—	28.0	24.0
Goa	—	32.8	24.8	Raipur	76	30.2	24.5
Guwahati	11	36.4	24.5	Ranchi	22	27.4	22.2
Hubballi	—	30.0	22.0	Shillong	—	27.0	19.3
Hyderabad	45.8	29.3	22.1	Shimla	10	26.5	18.2
Imphal	0.2	28.5	22.1	Srinagar	—	31.4	14.4
Jaipur	0.2	35.7	25.3	Thiruvananthapuram	7	29.8	24.4
Kochi	31	28.2	24.2	Tiruchi	4	35.1	25.4
Kohima	—	32.0	19.2	Vijayawada	18	32.3	25.6
Kolkata	72	31.5	25.1	Visakhapatnam	51	29.8	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.25	..—	141	54	55	
Bengaluru	...7	..28	.73	73	81	
Chennai	...4	..91	.94	.....—	49	
Delhi	...3	..49	.66	70	...133	
Hyderabad	.14	..11	189	21	39	
Kolkata	.14	..18	.18	22	24	
Lucknow	...7	..16	.50	29	...113	
Mumbai	.11	..23	.45	113	...109	
Pune	121	184	109	55	49	
Visakhapatnam	..—	..—	..—	.....—	.....—	.....—

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 245 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

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Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from Individuals/ Organizations for hiring of training centre infrastructure for conducting skill development programme in textiles, Garment, Handicraft and Handloom sector in different districts of Karnataka. Please send proposals through e-mail on **stsamarthkarnataka@gmail.com** Last date for submission of EOI: **14.09.2023.** Training infrastructure is required for following trades-Handloom Weaver, Silk Weaving, Manufacturer, Packaging, CAD, Sewing Machine Operator, Traditional Hand Embroider, Hand Block Printing, Welding and Soldering, Sewing Machine Mechanic.

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Sr.No	Work Name	Last Date of Tender Submission
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No. EE/GNR/E-PROC/02/2023-24 Dated : 07-09-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only)

Tender for the following works on item rate are invited as Standard Bid Documents KW-1 by the Executive Engineer Rajajinagar Division on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organization may apply through e-procurement portal as per schedule of events.

Sl. No.	Name of Approved Works	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank for Ganesha Chaturthi Festival at Sriramamandira Sub Division. 139 (Old No. 97), 140 (Old No. 98), 142 (Old No. 108) **(Category : SC)**	6.00	9,000/-
2	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank for Ganesha Chaturthi Festival at Rajajinagar Sub Division. 141 (Old No. 99), 144 (Old No. 100), 145 (Old No. 101), 143 (Old No. 107) **(Category : General)**	8.00	20,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals **15-09-2023 up to 16:00 hours. (2)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals is **16-09-2023 at 12:30 hours.**

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login for Contractors. Aspiring Bidders / Contractors who have not registered in e-procurement should register before participating through the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact e-Procurement Helpdesk at 080-25501216 / 25501227

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Rajajinagara Division, BBMP

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND VETERINARY SERVICES
Office of the Commissioner, Pashupalana Bhavana,
1st floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Bengaluru-24.
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No: CAH:VMS:VHE/Tender:2023-24 Date: 06-09-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites tender through KPP-portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible tenderers for **Procurement of Veterinary Equipments to Veterinary Institutions for the year 2023-24.** Tendered Amount is Rs. 919.72 lakhs.

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from: **06-09-2023** and tenderers can upload all the necessary document through KPP portal from **06-09-2023** to **06-10-2023 till 5.30 p.m.**

Further information can be obtained from KPP portal and this office during office hours.

Sd/-
Deputy Director,
Veterinary Medical Stores,
Dept. of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services,
Pashupalana bhavan, Bellari Road, Hebbal, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/1217/AAA/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Zilla Panchayath, Ballari.
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari.

No.: EE/RDWS&SD/B/JE/JJM/Tender.Nofi/2023-24/918
Dated:06.09.2023

E-tender Notification (KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari hereby calls the e-tender for execution works under Jal Jeevan Mission Head Sandur and Ballari Taluk works through **Karnataka Public Procurement Portal** for bidders who are registered by Public work department. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)** website & Tender document download date **07-09-2023** The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at 04.00 pm on **18-09-2023** Date of opening of Technical Bid is at 05.00 pm on **19-09-2023** and Pre-bid meeting is held at Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ballari, Above SBI Bank, Sudha Cross, Cantonment at 11.00 am on **14-09-2023**. For any tender related quarries or more information bidders can contact above said office or e-procurement help desk up to **14-09-2023** at 4.00 pm.

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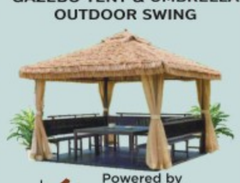

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Building consensus

The success of the G-20 summit hinges on a truce among fractious parties

India's big moment as host of the G-20 Summit will arrive this weekend, as world leaders gather in New Delhi for the main event marking the year of its presidency. The group is seen as a more egalitarian version of the G-7 as it includes the leadership of the developing world, and is now the "pre-eminent forum for global economic cooperation". At the start of its presidency last December, it was clear that India would be hamstrung by several events. The global economic headwinds, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, meant a challenging environment for New Delhi in ensuring that all countries were willing to contribute resources for imperatives such as climate finance, and investment in health and poverty alleviation. The Ukraine conflict and the sanctions against Russia were next, practically splitting the G-20 down the middle. This made forging a joint statement even last year difficult. But Indonesian President Joko Widodo was able to ensure a tenuous consensus by travelling to Moscow and Kyiv and enlisting India's support. India's presidency also came amidst continuing bilateral tensions with China over its border moves. This has become an additional problem for India's G-20 Sherpa team as China has played spoiler at many a meeting. The government's decision to hold the G-20 summit two months early, instead of in November, the practice, has given officials less time to ensure that the Leaders' declaration is ready; some of the heavy lifting on building consensus will now be left to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to handle.

In the face of such odds, India's efforts to ensure the vitality of the G-20 process have been valiant and also a well-thought-out one. Mr. Modi made it clear from the beginning that India would not take sides in the Ukraine conflict, and instead focused on issues affecting the global south, holding a summit of developing countries, putting issues of food, fertilizer and energy security, multilateral reform and global governance above geopolitical issues. India even hosted the Voice of Global South Summit. Mr. Modi also championed the induction of the African Union into the G-20, which will be a feather in India's cap if it goes through. Internally, the Indian G-20 presidency has been marked by a distinct effort to "democratise" the process by holding 220 meetings across 60 Indian cities, which, though colossally expensive, has ensured a showcasing of India's diversity. India's G-20 moment is already memorable, but the days ahead will be crucial in cementing its legacy. That legacy hinges on ensuring a truce among its fractious members, that allows for a consensus over the vision of "One Earth, One Family, One Future" in the next few days.

Restoring order

ASEAN did well to call out the Myanmar junta's repression of dissidents

The 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has finally shown the courage to call out the junta in Myanmar for the ongoing violence and its failure in implementing the Five-Point Consensus that was reached between the two sides, aimed at addressing the post-coup crisis in the country. Myanmar has seen a security and economic decline ever since the military ousted the democratically elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February 2021. Under the ASEAN plan, reached in April 2021, the junta had promised to stop the violence and start inclusive political dialogue, but has continued violating the consensus. ASEAN kept pushing the generals, but stopped short of antagonising them. However, the latest statement from ASEAN, issued after its annual summit in Jakarta, suggests a hardening of its stand. It has "strongly condemned" the continued acts of violence, and directly urged the "armed forces in particular and all related parties concerned... to ... stop targeted attacks on civilians". The grouping has also decided to deny Myanmar the bloc's chairmanship, which it was to assume in 2026. The Philippines will now take over, as the chairmanship goes in alphabetical order, and Myanmar will have a long wait ahead.

The military, unlike earlier when it saw opposition from democratic forces, is now facing enhanced pressure following the civil war. The political opposition has formed a National Unity Government (NUG) with a military wing that has joined hands with some ethnic separatist groups, thus posing a challenge to the junta. The military is still in control of most of the population centres, but at a huge cost. A recent report by United Nations investigators has said that the military regime has been committing war crimes, that include mass executions and sexual violence. More than two years of conflict have left about 18 million people in need of humanitarian assistance, and displaced two million. The military has also killed thousands in indiscriminate attacks on rebels and civilians. But despite this disproportionate use of violence, the regime has been unable to stifle dissent. In August, the military drew condemnation from the UN Security Council over "unrelenting violence". Now, with the ASEAN move, it is evident that the regime stands isolated, while the domestic situation remains untenable. It is not clear whether a tough stance by ASEAN will have any immediate meaningful impact on the regime's behaviour. But the bloc, which has leverage over the country, should continue to push the generals to end the violence and start talks. The only solution to the multiple crises Myanmar is facing is the restoration of a legitimate, responsible and responsive regime.

Disappearing languages, vanishing voices

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English as a common language in India has been acting as a thread by connecting multilingual Indians since the time of the British Raj. While communication in English is not much of a problem in the cities, the language becomes an impediment in the remote areas. This leads to the question: why cannot all people in the world speak in the same language? It would be so much simpler and strengthen our power as a united human force.

Let us look at the Biblical story of the Tower of Babel. In Chapter 11 of the *Book of Genesis*, it is said that the descendants of Noah, after the aftermath of the great flood, spoke a common language. They migrated towards the east and finally settled down at a place called Shinar. They began building a city and a tower tall enough to reach heaven as a demonstration of their collective strength.

Yahweh, the god of the Hebrew Bible, became alarmed and annoyed on observing this, and broke them into many groups, each speaking a different language to reduce the power of their collective strength. This created confusion in terms of communication and understanding and the project failed. Some people are of the opinion that the British made a blunder teaching English to Indians which helped them to unite, communicate and become powerful enough to end colonialism.

Irrespective of whether the story is true or not, the writer of this narrative knew the power of a common language. Language is a vehicle to transfer information, ideas and emotions.

A forecast of language extinction

An estimated 7,000 distinct languages are spoken as a mother tongue across the world. But these languages are shrinking rapidly. An interesting mathematical model published in *The Economic Journal* which forecasts the extinction of 40% of languages with less than 35,000 speakers within 100 years. By extinction it is meant that the languages will no longer be spoken as a mother tongue, or as the principal language. In essence, the diversity of languages is shrinking with time.

Mother tongues of about half the people in the world belong to a pool of 10 most spoken languages; language diversity faces a grave threat. Today, English is the most widely spoken language of the world. British colonial rule helped spread the language.

This shrinking in the diversity of languages and their extinction are also related to the migration of people to countries which have a common language. When people migrate, there is pressure to shift to the dominant language spoken in the country where they live in order to capitalise on the social and economic advantages offered by the new place. In the process, first-generation migrants become bilingual, the next generation has a weaker grasp of its mother tongue, and the third generation may no longer speak or understand their grandparents or great-grandparents at all. India is a good example with increasing migration to English-speaking countries. English now has 340 million native speakers and more than 1.2 billion second language speakers, with much scope for further growth. One wonders what would happen to Hindi, with an estimated 586 million second language speakers in the world. Would it grow to the level of English?

> Any loss of language is not only a loss of linguistic diversity but also a loss in terms of the associated cultural variations, opinions, views and knowledge

On the language index

The Index of Linguistic Diversity (ILD), which was introduced to quantitatively understand the trends over the past 30 years in the number of mother-tongue speakers of the world's languages, is a measure to gauge the decline of languages. There is also a Language Diversity Index, where the probability that two people selected from a population at random will have different mother tongues; it ranges from 0 (everyone has the same mother tongue) to 1 (no two people have the same mother tongue). Obviously, countries that have people with a smaller number of mother languages have a lower LDI than countries with a large number of mother tongues. For example, the United Kingdom has an LDI of 0.139 when compared to 0.930 for India. Interestingly, although the predominant language in the United States is English as in the United Kingdom, due to the significant presence of migrants from different countries, the LDI of the U.S. is 0.353. In terms of LDI, the three lowest ranking countries are Haiti (0.000), Cuba (0.001) and Samoa (0.002), while the top ranking three countries are Papua Guinea (0.990), Vanuatu (0.972) and the Solomon Islands (0.965).

The ILD demonstrates that globally, linguistic diversity declined by 20% over the period 1970-2005. Regionally, indigenous linguistic diversity declined over 60% in the Americas, 30% in the Pacific including Australia and almost 20% in Africa. But calculating the index from a sample of only a certain number of languages, let us say 1,000 languages out of 7,000 languages, over a period of time may not give us the correct picture as the world population is also increasing. The index actually tries to understand the distribution of speakers among all the spoken languages of the world. What has been found is that the distribution is becoming greatly uneven with the passage of time.

What we see is that a greater number of people in the world are transitioning to just a few dominant languages at the expense of several smaller ones, resulting in a loss of linguistic diversity, where, finally, some of the languages are becoming extinct. According to the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), dozens of languages today have only one living native speaker, which shows how precariously placed some languages are. Once they vanish, an identity and culture also vanish.

Language is not only a vehicle for communication to express ideas and emotions but it also carries cultural values and indigenous knowledge. The extinction of languages will only result in shrinking cultural diversity and an increase in cultural homogenisation.

The situation in India, need for strategies

According to a report published by UNESCO in 2018, 42 languages are heading towards extinction in India. These were spoken by less than 10,000 people. According to the norms set by UNESCO, any language spoken by only 10,000 people is potentially endangered. Most dying languages are from the indigenous tribal groups spread across India.

The world is very concerned about biodiversity and is alarmed by the loss of species. Different languages can be compared to distinct species in the linguasphere, if we can use such a term. Any loss of language is not only a loss of linguistic diversity but also a loss in terms of associated cultural variations, opinions, views and knowledge. It is time to evolve ideas to arrest the decline of languages on the larger global canvas. The world must at least try to find ways and means to preserve some of its endangered languages. The LSA is doing an admirable job in trying to learn about these endangered languages; it is also making videotapes, audiotapes and written records of the languages, along with their translation. It is hoped that other institutions will emulate this and act to reduce the disappearance of languages in whichever way they can.

Finding Seoul in the Indo-Pacific

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The historic Camp David summit in August this year among the leaders of the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK) marks the new beginning of the strategic partnership among the three traditional allies. As India and ROK commemorate the 50th year of their diplomatic relations, the Camp David summit, and a refreshingly new strategic thinking in Seoul, offer a unique opportunity for New Delhi to reimagine its relations with South Korea especially in the Indo-Pacific. Along with Japan and the U.S., ROK has the potential to emerge as a key piece in India's Indo-pacific strategy. It is however important to view the prospects of the India-ROK strategic partnership in the broader context of the recent geopolitical developments in the East Asian region. Here is an outline of some of them.

The significance of the Camp David meet

One of the most significant developments in the region has been the South Korea-Japan-U.S. trilateral meeting in the U.S. or the Camp David summit last month. For one, it indicates a much-needed repair in Seoul-Tokyo relations. This positive bilateral development is the function of a recognition of the changing regional security environment by the three countries. This could, along with AUKUS (the U.S, the United Kingdom, Australia), the Quad (India, Japan, Australia, the U.S.), or CHIP 4 Alliance (the U.S., Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea) lead to a strengthened U.S.-led alliance structure – though dispersed to reflect the multipolar urges of the contemporary international system – in East Asia.

Second, the summit has the potential to set South Korea on a new strategic direction in the Indo-Pacific with improved relations with Tokyo, more synergy with the American view on China, and enhanced engagement of the Indo-Pacific.

Third, this also marks a strategic shift in Seoul's traditional approach of not offending China at any cost. The previous government, for instance, was far too shy of articulating the China challenge given its potential strategic fallouts and Seoul's economic proximity to Beijing (around 20% of its total exports go to China). The new thinking appears to indicate the view that trade dependence on China does not mean passivity towards a growing Chinese military presence in the region.

> The outcome of the South Korea-Japan-U.S. trilateral meeting gives New Delhi and Seoul a unique opportunity to enhance their strategic partnership

Fourth, there is today a keen desire in ROK to join the Quad grouping . Seoul has wanted it for some time, but it was unsure whether Tokyo would support its bid given lingering bitterness from historical memories. The Camp David summit may have changed that and it is possible that South Korea might apply for a membership in a Quad Plus next year.

Finally, there is a new foreign policy enthusiasm in Seoul today. President Yoon Suk Yeol has declared that the main goal of his foreign policy would be to make South Korea a "global pivotal state". The country's engagement of the U.S. and Japan, support to Ukraine, articulation of the China challenge and a desire to play a bigger role in the Indo-Pacific underline this new vision.

This geopolitical context provides a unique opportunity for India and ROK to enhance their strategic partnership in the 50th year of their diplomatic relationship. There are a number of reasons why ROK is a natural partner for India in the Indo-Pacific. For one, ROK's location in the Indo-Pacific, close to China, while being a U.S. ally provides India with a like-minded strategic partner. Second, for both ROK and India, the rise of China and its unilateral attempts at reordering the Asian security architecture are of great concern even if the two sides hesitate in clearly articulating the China threat. Third, for India, Seoul can be an important regional partner at a time when India is closer to the U.S. than ever before in its history, and is concerned about Chinese intentions and power like never before in history.

Defence, nuclear reactors as focus areas

There are several areas where the two countries could focus on in order to strengthen their relationship. At the political and diplomatic levels, the two sides should consider establishing an annual summit at the level of the Foreign Ministers, and a 2+2 format dialogue (India currently has 2+2 dialogues with the U.S., Japan, Australia and Russia). The partnership could also benefit from reciprocal visits by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Yoon to each other's country. Perhaps the two sides could be even more ambitious and explore the possibility of negotiating a South Korea-Japan-India-U.S. initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET), along the lines of the recently-concluded India-U.S. iCET. Defence is another area where they could strengthen their relationship. South Korea's willingness and ability to cater to India's defence needs within the ambit of India's 'Make in India' programme must be utilised. The K9 Vajra, a 155 mm self-propelled howitzer, built by L&T with technology from South Korea's Hanwha Defense is an example in this regard. South Korean-built K2 Black Panther tanks could also be co-produced in India for the Indian Army or third countries.

Another area of collaboration still could be in the context of Korean-built civilian nuclear reactors. Even after the conclusion of the India-U.S. civil nuclear deal, India-International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards agreement and the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) waiver, New Delhi has not been able to import any nuclear reactors due to the difficulties foreign suppliers have with India's nuclear liability law. Given India's growing need for clean energy and Seoul's remarkable track record in supplying cheaper and faster nuclear reactors to the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and central European states, New Delhi could consider purchasing Korean-built reactors so as to expand the share of nuclear energy in the country's energy basket – if indeed Seoul is open to working within the Indian liability law and the subsequent assurances given by the Indian government.

ROK, with a new strategic outlook, and along with the U.S., Japan and Australia, is uniquely placed to help India advance its interests in the Indo-Pacific.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India's G-20 presidency

The article by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, "Taking G-20 to the last mile, leaving none behind" (Inside pages, September 7), shows that the three Ds — democracy, diplomacy and dialogue — are pivotal to sustaining peace in the long run and furthering progress and development. India's hosting the G-20 summit will facilitate huge public infrastructure development, result in long-term economic benefits, boost tourism and aid the country's security apparatus.

A.J. Rangarajan,
Chennai

ASEAN and 'Act East'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's consistent engagement with the ASEAN bloc underscores its significance (Page 1, "ASEAN a key pillar of 'Act East' policy: Modi", September 7). The partnership not only fosters economic growth but also promotes regional stability and cultural exchange. As we navigate global challenges, nurturing this strategic alliance remains pivotal in ensuring India's continued integration and influence in the dynamic Asia-Pacific region.

Ramni Sachin Hangirgekar,
Pune

Short shrift for Opposition

The chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party, Sonia Gandhi, has lamented the fact that the government has 'kept the Opposition in the dark' about the agenda for the five-day special session of Parliament (Inside pages, September 7).

This is hardly surprising as the Narendra Modi government has never given much allowance or leeway to the Opposition. In addition, the government can hardly be expected to take cognisance of the contents of the missive.

C.V. Aravind,
Bengaluru

Name modification

Any attempt to change or 'modify' the country's name in the absence of a democratic process is a stark reminder and warning of the maxim "power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely". Sadly, and unfortunately, for India, those in power think that they have been voted to power to do anything and everything which pleases their egos, and what they do is always the best for the country.

Will those running roughshod over the soul of India and the very idea of the country ever stop or be stopped? Only the inherent power of democracy can do so.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

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Do subsidies and safety nets take focus away from generating jobs?

PARLEY

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Despite India posting impressive economic growth numbers, employment has not seen a commensurate increase. With five States going to the polls at the end of the year, political parties have been announcing several promises, largely to address concerns of price rise of essentials. Are these promises a distraction from providing solutions to what appears to be a systemic concern - jobless growth? Praveen Chakravarthy and M. Suresh Babu discuss the question in a conversation moderated by Kunal Shankar. Edited excerpts:

The Congress appears to be using the 'five promises' template that it did in Karnataka in the upcoming Assembly elections as well. They range from cheaper gas cylinders to farm loan waivers. Some might say these are populist measures that do not address the larger systemic issue of unemployment in largely rural States such as Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. Your views?

M. Suresh Babu: Unemployment is India's single biggest problem. This is especially the case for the educated youth. Coming to electoral promises, I think it is a mixed bag. In Chhattisgarh, for example, some promises serve a tiny population, such as the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), and are therefore not desirable. But others, such as cheaper gas cylinders, are reasonable. Conventionally, policymakers and economists characterise growth as a big tide which lifts all boats. But unfortunately, this is not the case. There is a section of the population that is left out of this growth and we need to include them. And for that, we need to resort to so-called populist measures. But some of the other measures are political in nature.

Praveen Chakravarthy: We must understand the larger context of political economy and society that we live in. I will try and explain this using an analogy. We all seem to agree that there is a disease, and the disease is unemployment. The 'surgeons' or the experts who judge economies do not have a solution for this disease. So, in the absence of a remedy, we can attempt to only alleviate the pain with palliatives. Electoral promises are painkillers, and we need them if we don't have more structural solutions for the disease. The fact is, this is where the profession of economics has failed societies at large. This is not just an India-specific problem; there is jobless growth now in almost every country. The economist Mariana Mazzukato also spoke about this obsession with growth when it is not translating into gains for the average person. The productivity obsession since the neoliberal consensus has benefited a very small share of the population. In this situation, what do you expect political leaders to do when they face the public every five years? If there is a solution that can generate jobs and incomes and prosperity for the median person, political parties will be the first to jump on to it, but there is none.

A woman in a Nagepur in Varanasi lights up her LPG stove received under the Ujjwala scheme. KAMAL NARANG

Agriculture continues to be India's largest employer; yet, farm loan waivers is the 'palliative care' offered, without addressing non-remunerative prices for produce and severe supply chain vulnerabilities exacerbated by climate change.

MSB: We need a pragmatic approach towards price stabilisation of agriculture produce. Recently, we saw the price rise of tomato and yet the farmer is not guaranteed of a minimum steady price. It is here that we should seriously think about technological interventions in terms of converting output into higher value-added products. This is a long-term solution.

In other words, attempting supply chain resilience?

MSB: Exactly.

But Praveen, when we have realised such supply chain vulnerabilities, such as the lack of storage facilities that are weatherproof or a farmers' network to value add, say, by making purees when there is excess tomato produce, poll promises simply mention ₹1,500 a month for women in distress, as is the case in Chhattisgarh. This addresses the lack of purchasing power, but when the issue is a supply crunch leading to inflation, how does this help?

> When there is decline in purchasing power for the bottom half of the population, to say 'don't indulge in safety nets and support for them because it will trigger inflation for everybody else' is being a bit unfair. We understand that a balance must be struck.
> PRAVEEN CHAKRAVATHY

PC: These tensions are inherent in an economy, right? These are what we call terms of trade when there is joblessness, when income growth is stagnant. When there is decline in purchasing power for the bottom half of the population, to say 'don't indulge in safety nets and support for them because it will trigger inflation for everybody else' is being a bit unfair. We understand that a balance must be struck.

But I must say, I do agree that certain promises are unwarranted. Suresh talked about the OPS. We must view this through the lens of inequality. Bringing back the OPS would exacerbate inequality. Madhya Pradesh spends close to 13% of its overall expenses on OPS, but it benefits less than 2% of the people who were in government jobs. So, it is a transfer from the poor to the rich. So, while the OPS might be criticised for its fiscal profligacy, it must be criticised for its inherent inequality, right? This is where I can tell you that there is simply no empirical evidence to suggest that bringing back OPS scheme will help a party win an election.

Let me come to whether these subsidies are indeed a drain on the exchequer, and if we are missing unrecognised correlated benefits. Haryana strictly adhered to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (FRBM), 2003, of a 3% fiscal deficit mandate. But its unemployment rate is among the highest in the country. Is there a correlation that we are missing here?

MSB: Haryana is a very interesting case. If you look at State finances and their expenditure patterns, there is no robust correlation between so-called populist policies and fiscal distress. It is not the populist measures that are really impacting expenditure, but there is a problem in terms of tackling it in the long run because the revenue mobilisation efforts of some of these States are rather limited. It is in this context that we must see some of these populist expenditures. A recent 'Data Point' in *The Hindu* said that 25% of those who availed of the Ujjwala Scheme, which subsidises LPG cylinders, did not seek a refill or sought just one. This is important in the context of putting ₹1,500 every month in the hands of women. So, some of these targeted sections must be considered when we talk about this so-called populism.

Here I would slightly differ from Praveen's view on GDP and economic growth. You see, ultimately GDP growth is important because if you look at India's growth scenario over the years, we find that it is precisely in the years when we have had high GDP growth that we saw poverty reduction as well. What we must focus on now is growth with employment. Developing economies are undergoing two transitions that must be kept in mind. One is a structural transition that is trapping them in the middle-income category due to their inability to really push industrialisation. Second, we find that there is a huge energy transition that is taking place with major implications on employment.

PC: If you put money in the hands of people, it triggers consumption, which helps the larger economy. What we are debating here is the most efficient use of fiscal expenditure. Like I said, governments and political parties are forced to resort to palliative care in the absence of another solution. I accept that GDP growth broadly did work in the first 10-12 years post liberalisation. My argument is it has stopped working since. So long as the rich keep getting richer, your per capita will keep growing, but that doesn't mean poverty reduction.

I agree with Suresh's arguments about structural changes. I'll give you an example. We suddenly have this obsession with semiconductor manufacturing. A new project was announced with Micron with 70% of the project cost being borne by the government. This is taxpayer money, but it will only create 5,000 jobs in the next 10 years. We used to think of traditional manufacturing as yielding jobs – car-making, steel-making, semiconductor chip production – but these don't create jobs anymore for a variety of reasons, largely due to mechanisation.

So, instead of putting money in semiconductor production, what if we also put in mining for energy transition? What is the most fundamental requirement for this transition? It is mines and minerals – lithium, sodium, potassium. We have mined less than 5% of our vast resources, and mining creates local jobs. It creates jobs for the oppressed castes. So, why are we not putting that money into mining?

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NOTEBOOK

A source, a riot, and a dilemma on a WhatsApp group

Friendliness towards sources can be misconstrued by them as an approval of their ideology or perspective on a subject

Ashok Kumar

For a reporter, sources are sacrosanct. Finding the right sources, nurturing and retaining them is an important component of the job. Sometimes, in the enthusiasm to retain a good source, a journalist may go a little too far, which could have consequences. The world of journalism is full of such stories.

Everyone has their own methods of finding and retaining sources. Being a teetotaller and a non-smoker, I have always found myself at a disadvantage compared to my peers, who manage to build a rapport with people over a shared cigarette or a drink.

However, I make up for this by striking a personal note with my sources. I am a patient listener. As I am not very social, I sometimes push myself to attend gatherings, functions, and condolence meetings, to make my relations with my sources seem less formal.

On occasion, however, this friendliness is misconstrued by the source as an approval of their ideology or perspective on a subject. And sometimes, when I am asked to take a position, I am forced to make a choice between keeping the source and protecting my individuality.

I found myself in this situation recently while reporting on the clashes between two communities in Nuh, in southern Haryana. The conflict began during a religious procession and quickly engulfed other parts of the State, claiming six lives.

A few days after reporting on the riots, I found myself being added to a group on WhatsApp one morning. It had been formed to seek donations for the "martyrs" of a religious community who had died in the riots. Confused, I scrolled through the list of participants in the group and found that one of my sources was the group admin.

I was stuck. If I did not make a donation, I would alienate my source, who had probably taken into consideration my friendliness, my religious identity, and also perhaps the name of my organisation to make assumptions about my beliefs. If I did make a donation, I would have to espouse an ideology that was contrary to my beliefs. Though no one would have known if I had made a donation, the act, however small and secretive, would have stayed with me forever.

For me, it was clear that some people had died while baying for the blood of members of another community. They could, at best, be called "rioters". But they were not "community saviours" and certainly not "martyrs". Making a donation was out of the question. Had it not been for my source, the choice was simple. But his presence made the situation tricky.

As I pondered the situation, the tone and language of the messages turned communal. Those who had not still not made donations were being called "traitors" and those who had left the group were being targeted mercilessly. I clearly could not delay my decision for long.

As I wondered how to make a graceful exit without annoying my source and without compromising on my beliefs, a day went by. The next morning, I was pleasantly surprised to discover that I had been removed from the group. I still don't know the reason. Maybe the group admin had given up on me or maybe he thought that it was inappropriate to have a journalist on such a group. Whatever his reason, I was relieved.

After this incident, I was quick to change the settings on WhatsApp. Now, it is mandatory for anyone to seek my consent before adding me to a group. I was keen to avoid being in such a situation again.

A day later, another source, a 78-year-old retired professor, sent a WhatsApp message requesting me for an article on how yoga was the secret of his good health. This, he said, would be a perfect "birthday gift" for him. It left me wishing for settings that could help me filter these peculiar requests too.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Striving for a pot of goodness

A group of young men and boys form a a human pyramid to break a clay pot filled with curd, milk and butter during the festival of Janmashtami in Mumbai. The event, known as dahi handi, is based on the legend of Lord Krishna and his friends stealing butter from neighbours as children. EMMANUAL YOGINI

FROM THE ARCHIVES — The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 8, 1973

Big powers offer to aid Bangla and Pak. in repatriation

New Delhi, Sept. 7: A number of countries including the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union have offered to participate in an international effort under the auspices of the United Nations for assisting Pakistan and Bangladesh in transporting and rehabilitating their respective nationals covered by the three-way repatriation agreement. The U.N. Secretary-General, Dr. Kurt Waldheim who has been taking a keen interest in the settlement of these humanitarian problems in the sub-continent, has named Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees with headquarters in Geneva and Mr. Robert Jackson, Under Secretary-General for Special U.N. Operations in Dacca, as his representatives for working out an integrated transportation plan in consultation with India, Pakistan and Bangladesh in terms of the Delhi agreement. While it is relatively easy for India to move the 91,000 Pakistani POWs and civilian internees by train from their present detention camps, the main burden of organising the transportation by sea of the Bengalis and non-Bengalis in either direction around Sri Lanka falls on Bangladesh and Pakistan.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 8, 1923

Balkan crisis

Geneva, Sept. 6: The Council of the League of Nations has decided to send to the Conference of Ambassadors the whole minutes of today's proceedings including the important reply of the Council to the Ambassadors' telegram in which the Council makes a number of suggestions as a basis for the settlement of the Italo-Greek conflict including a deposit of 50 million lire with the Swiss Bank by Greece as security against the payment of eventual indemnities, and reference of the indemnity question to the International Court of Justice.

From Page One

AU to join G-20, as Sherpas reach a deal

The sources said that while "much ground has been covered" in the past few days, differences remain in the language over climate financing and debt restructuring as well. In addition, the developing countries continue to push back on deadlines to phase out fossil fuels and cut carbon emissions. In particular, China's delegation has been opposed to many of the wordings and initiatives proposed by India, with more than one diplomat present at the meeting speaking about the constant confrontations going "back and forth" between the Indian and Chinese delegates.

Membership of the AU, however, appears to be one point of agreement, and both Russian and Chinese officials on Thursday backed the move even as they appeared to claim credit for it.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told reporters "China is the first country that explicitly expressed its support for the African Union's membership in the G-20". "At the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue last month, President Xi Jinping again stressed that China will work actively to support the AU's full membership in the G-20. China and the AU are important partners in building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future and safeguarding international fairness and justice. China supports the AU in playing a bigger role in global governance," Ms. Mao said.

Russia's G-20 Sherpa was also quoted as saying by Russian media that Moscow was among the first to support the AU's membership.

Delhi may turn venue for talk on reviving BSI

"We believe that it's necessary to create a system of mutual guarantees. Guarantees that the Russian Federation is able to overcome difficulties that still exist... [and] guarantees that we will have the restoration of the Black Sea initiative," Mr. Guterres said at a media interaction in Jakarta, where he attended the ASEAN and East Asia Summits.

Mr. Erdogan will be in Delhi days after his Russia visit and is expected to take his discussion on reviving the deal forward during his meetings in Delhi.

"At Turkiye, we believe that we will reach a solution that will meet the expectations in a short time," President Erdogan said in Sochi, after meeting President Putin. Last week, Turkey and the United Nations, which had first mediated the agreements signed in Istanbul in July 2022, had worked on a new package of proposals for Russia to consider, and are expected to discuss the way forward during their visit to Delhi this weekend.

The BSGI consists of two agreements, one signed by Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, and the UN for the resumption of exports of grains, other foodstuffs, and fertilizers, including ammonia, through a "safe maritime humanitarian corridor" from three key Ukrainian ports – Chornomorsk, Odesa, and Yuzhny/Pivdennyi. The other is an MoU between Russia and the UN on promoting Russian food products and fertilizers in the world markets. Without the agreements, food inflation worldwide, particularly in African countries, is set to soar, given that both Russia and Ukraine combined represent 21.9% of the global exports of barley, maize, and wheat.

Sanatana Dharma row: Stalin, Modi join issue

"Our view is very clear: '*Sarva dharma sama bhava*' [all religions are equal] is the Congress's ideology, but you have to understand that every political party has their own freedom to voice their views," he said.

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister said Mr. Udhayanidhi Stalin had spoken out "only against such oppressive ideologies and called for the eradication of practices based on those ideologies". However, pro-BJP forces had spread a "false narrative" alleging that he had called for the genocide of people with *Sanatana* thoughts. Even Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and many others, "shared the same lie and condemned Udhayanidhi," Mr. Stalin said. Meanwhile, DMK leader A. Raja on Thursday, said, "Mr. Udhayanidhi was soft in comparing and claiming that it should be eradicated like malaria and dengue. But these diseases don't have a social stigma. To be honest, leprosy was seen as disgusting and so was HIV," he said.
(With inputs from Tamil Nadu Bureau)

PM shows proposals to expand ASEAN relation

"It is imperative to adhere fully to international laws; And everyone's commitment and joint efforts are also necessary to strengthen the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries," he said. The ASEAN countries have been insisting on a binding code of conduct (COC) on the South China Sea largely in view of China's consistent attempts to assert its expansive claims over the region. "The need of the hour is an Indo-Pacific, where international law, including UNCLOS, is equally applicable to all countries; where there is freedom of navigation and overflight; and where there is unimpeded lawful commerce for the benefit of everyone," Mr. Modi said.

Bharat Jodo Yatra is a people's movement: Cong.

Party celebrates first anniversary of foot march led by Rahul; yatra sought to bring real issues such as economic inequalities, price rise, joblessness, subversion of Constitution to the fore, says Kharge

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Celebration time: Congress party workers participate in the 'Jan Samvad Yatra' organised on the first anniversary of Bharat Jodo Yatra in Nagpur on Thursday. PTI

Calling the Bharat Jodo Yatra a people's movement "unequalled" in history, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday said the yatra sought to bring real issues such as economic inequalities, price rise, unemployment, social injustice, and subversion of the Constitution to the fore.

Mr. Kharge also slammed the trend of "manufacturing headlines" to divert attention from the real issues of the people.

On September 7 last year, the Congress launched the Kanniyakumari-to-Kashmir Bharat Jodo Yatra that covered over 4,000 km across 12 States and two Union Territories, with former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, along with 120 other Bharat yatris, completing the entire distance in 146 days.

The yatra, which culminated in Srinagar on January 30, saw Mr. Gandhi addressing 12 public meetings, more than 100 street corner meetings, 13 press conferences, over 275 planned walking interactions, and more than 100 sitting interactions.

To mark the first anniversary of its most ambitious project, the Congress organised Bharat Jodo Yatras across 722 districts, with senior leaders taking part in various district-level programmes.

"The Bharat Jodo Yatra is not just a physical endeavour, it is a sincere effort to rebuild our broken collective conscience. Our ingrained values of justice, liberty equality, and fraternity, for us, are supreme," Mr. Kharge said in a statement, posted on X (formerly Twitter), while congratulating Mr. Gandhi.

"The trend of manufacturing irrelevant headlines to divert attention from the real issues of people to hide the agenda of hate and division is a systemic attack on our collective conscience," he said, adding, "The Congress party is continuously reaching out to people in an endeavour to reclaim our Constitution and protect our Democracy".

'Journey continues'

Mr. Gandhi, who is on a week-long tour of Europe, also shared his thoughts on X with a three-minute video of the Bharat Jodo Yatra. "The crores of steps of Bharat Jodo Yatra towards unity and love have become the foundation of a better tomorrow for the country. The journey continues till hatred is eradicated, till India unites. This is my promise!" Mr. Gandhi said in a post on X.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the yatra was a transformational moment as it focused on "rising economic inequalities, increasing social polarisation and deepening political authoritarianism".

"It (yatra) was not a *mann ki baat* lecturing exercise for Rahul Gandhi but an opportunity to listen to *janta ki chinta* (concerns of the people)," he said.

India keen on having Quad leaders for Republic Day parade

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Joe Biden

India is discussing the possibility of inviting leaders of its Quad partners Australia, Japan and the U.S. to the Republic Day parade next year, diplomatic sources confirmed.

The possibility of holding the Quad Summit a day prior is also being explored, official sources said.

The possibility of U.S. President Joe Biden being the Chief Guest for the parade and the Quad Summit being held a day prior on January 25 is also being looked into given that January 26 is observed as Australia Day and it would be extremely difficult for the Australian Prime Minister to be in India on that day, an official source said.

Pressing commitments

Welcoming the idea, diplomatic sources said it would be extremely difficult for some of the leaders given the pressing commitments in their countries during that time.

Responding to reports on the issue, an Australian High Commission spokesperson said, "The Prime Minister looks forward to participating in next year's Quad Leaders' Summit in India. We are aware of recent media reports [on dates]. We continue to discuss potential Quad Leaders' Summit dates with our Quad partners."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced at the Quad leaders meeting on the sidelines of the G-7 Summit in Japan in May that India would host the next Quad leaders summit.

'Important platform'

"The Quad group has established itself as an important platform for peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific," he said at the summit, adding that the Indo-Pacific region was the "engine for global trade, innovation and development".

"It is a very good idea, but the timing is extremely difficult...," a source said.

Sources also noted that during that time the U.S. President would also be gearing up for the elections and the last State of Union address.

On Japan, one of the sources noted that it is time when the Japanese parliament, Diet, would be in session.

In the past, U.S. President Barack Obama was Chief Guest at the Republic Day parade in 2015.

Conversion complaint can be filed only by kin of affected person: HC

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Granting bail to two persons booked under the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, the Allahabad High Court said only those related to the person who has converted, such as parents, spouse, or relatives, or the converted person himself can lodge complaints in such cases.

It also observed that distributing the Bible and imparting teachings did not amount to "allurement" under the Act.

A Bench of Justice Shamim Ahmad made the observations while granting bail to Jose Papachen and Sheeja, who were arrested on a complaint by a BJP district secretary in Ambedkar Nagar. The police had slapped Sections 3 and 5 (1) of the anti-conversion law and Section 3(1) of the SC/ST Act on the duo.

The court said the complainant was neither the "aggrieved person, his/her parent, brother, sister or any other person, who is related to him/her by blood, marriage or adoption", as provided under Section 4 of the law. "Thus the complainant is not competent to lodge the FIR."

A lower court rejected the bail plea in March.

Stop sheltering terrorists, says Manoj Sinha in Sopore

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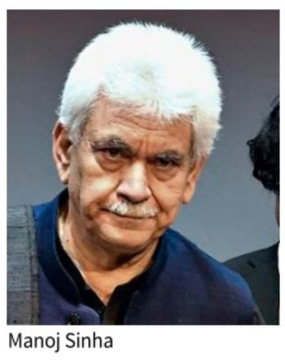

Manoj Sinha

Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha on Thursday pledged to root out terrorism from the Union Territory and asked locals to stop sheltering terrorists, as he toured Sopore, once a terrorist hub, in north Kashmir.

"Locals from Sopore and entire J&K should not give any sort of shelter to terror supporters and terrorists. Do this bit, our police and security forces with full support of the administration will ensure terror and its eco-system is wiped out from the soil of J&K," Mr. Sinha said.

Sopore witnessed a major armed rebellion in the 1990s. It was also the hometown of former Hurriyat chairman and Jamaat-e-Islami member Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

Pledging to root out terrorism and take strict action against the "conflict profiteers", Mr. Sinha said, "Sopore was called Kandahar. Who gave this title? It was a famous business hub till 1970. Those responsible for this did great injustice with the people of Sopore and the future generations."

Communal harmony

Quoting popular poet Mehjoor on communal harmony, Mr. Sinha said, "Mr. Mehjoor said 'if Muslims are milk, Hindus are Sugar'. Sopore was known for communal harmony. We will ensure peace returns to this place soon."

Mr. Sinha said every single resident of Jammu and Kashmir was a very important person (VIP) for the L-G administration. "There is no discrimination," he added.

Drop 'Party' from name, use 'Dal', SP chief tells BJP

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday targeted the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for using 'Bharat' in the G-20 invitation card instead of 'India', and said it should change its name by dropping the English word "Party".

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Mr. Yadav said, "The use of different languages is considered to be a symbol of development of humanity and harmony among progressive people. However, if the narrow-minded BJP wants to change a word for being a symbol of slavery then the saffron party should call a special session of its party and remove the English word 'Party' and use Hindi word 'Dal'. They should change its name from BJP to BJD."

'Afraid of INDIA'

Mr. Yadav's criticism comes in the wake of a G-20 invitation bearing the phrase "President of Bharat" instead of the usual "President of India". The Opposition parties claimed that the move highlights the BJP's fear of the newly formed Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).

SC stays Karnataka HC verdict on online rummy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has ordered an interim stay of a Karnataka High Court judgment which held that online "games of skill" like rummy are not taxable as "betting" or "gambling" under the Central Goods and Services (GST) Act.

A Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud, acting on a plea by the Directorate-General of Goods and Services Tax and Service Intelligence, issued notice to Bangalore-based Gameskart Technologies Pvt. Ltd., an online gaming entity.

The top court directed the case to be listed in October and gave Gameskart two weeks to file its counter affidavit.

The company had questioned the September 23, 2022 show cause notice issued by the Directorate of GST alleging that the company had engaged in "gambling" and evaded GST at the rate of 28% on the entire sum paid by the players for playing the game on its platform. The GST Directorate, in its notice, alleged that the company had evaded GST worth ₹21,000 crore.

In its May judgment, the High Court had reasoned that "the expressions, 'betting' and 'gambling' having become *nomen juris*, the same are applicable for the purpose of GST also and consequently, the said words, 'betting' and 'gambling' contained in Entry 6 of Schedule III to the CGST Act are not applicable to online/electronic/digital Rummy, whether played with stakes or without stakes as well as to any other online/electronic/digital games which are also substantially and preponderantly games of skill".

The company was paying GST at 18% only on the platform fees collected by it from the players and not on the entire money pooled in by the players to play rummy, and had contended that rummy being a game of skill cannot be brought under the definition of "betting" and "gambling".

Arms licence of Minister's son cancelled

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The arms licence of Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore's son Vikas Kishore was cancelled on Thursday by the Lucknow District Magistrate following a police report. Mr. Vikas was booked under Section 30 of the Arms Act (punishment for contravention of licence or rule) on September 2, after a 30-year-old man was shot dead at his home in Lucknow.

Vinay Shrivastava was shot in the head with a pistol registered with the Minister's son. The police also arrested three other accused, identified as Ankit Verma, Shamim alias Baba and Ajay Rawat, and said the murder took place over a gambling dispute.

Mr. Kishore, who is a two-time Lok Sabha member from Mohanlalganj, and his son came under severe criticism from the Opposition parties who demanded a high-level inquiry over the incident. The deceased's brother also demanded a probe over the role of the Minister's son.

APPEAL

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'At G-20, Japan backs India, not China, as bridge to Global South'

Japan sees a rivalry over the leadership of the 'Global South' between India and China, and it is in the interest of Japan and the G-7 that India plays a leading role in the 'Global South', not China, says Tokyo-based strategic affairs commentator

Ananth Krishnan
NEW DELHI

Beyond the immediate outcomes of the G-20 Summit, one key takeaway with longer-term implications is the positioning of India as a key bridge to the "Global South" for Japan and the West, in the view of Japanese experts.

"Japan sees a rivalry over the leadership of the 'Global South' between India and China, and it is in the interest of Japan and the G-7 that India plays a leading role in the 'Global South', not China," said Hiroyuki Akita, Tokyo-based strategic affairs commentator at Nikkei, in an interview with *The Hindu*.

Mr. Akita said that was one of the key issues for Japan in the lead-up to this year's G-20, so much so that Prime Minister Fumio Kishida had invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the May meeting of the G-7 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S.) in Hiroshima.

Foreign affairs: Flags of participating countries are pictured inside the International media centre at the G-20 venue in New Delhi on Thursday. AFP

"As Chairman of the G-7 this year, it's been a priority for Japan to collaborate with India as a bridge to narrow the divide on many issues between the G-7 and the G-11, that is the rest of the G-20 except for China and Russia, which are trying to counter the G-7 world order," he said.

The approach has been to find shared interests and common ground, not on "values" that can divide but on issues such as transparency and sustainability in investments, dealing with debt crises, and climate financing, key issues that will be reflected in the G-20 outcomes.

India-China divide

The negotiations in the lead-up to the summit have brought into sharp focus a widening India-China divide on multilateral and global issues. Worsening relations in the past three years amid the ongoing Line of Actual Control (LAC) crisis have coincided with widening positions on multilateral issues that both countries had a decade ago worked together on, such as climate change, an issue that has now largely faded from the bilateral agenda as well. On debt crises faced in the developing world, India has also increasingly pointed to Chinese lending, under the 2013-launched Belt and Road Initiative which India did not join, as a cause.

Liu Hong, vice-president of the Centre for China and Globalisation (CCG) in Beijing, said the broader issue was "not about only India and China but how Asian countries as a whole can improve their ability to manage and influence global governance, including at the G-20, which, if you look at its foundation, has primarily been controlled by the West".

"Not just the G-20 but even the BRICS and SCO are platforms to discuss global issues and economic cooperation, but unfortunately because of geopolitical factors, the basis to cooperate is not stable," he said. "Especially in the last three years," he added, "the communication channels [between India and China] have been broken."

High hopes for climate and energy outcomes at summit as India takes lead

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

As leaders gather for the G-20 Summit in New Delhi, experts on Thursday said securing consensus on multilateral development bank (MDB) reforms and adopting rigorous language regarding the phasing down of fossil fuels could enhance India's leadership role.

The G-20 countries – responsible for 85% of the world's GDP and 80% of the emissions – failed to reach a consensus at the Energy and Climate Ministers' meetings in July on the phasing down of unabated use of fossil fuels, tripling renewable energy capacity to 11 terawatts by 2030, and providing low-cost financing to developing countries – issues critical to limiting global average temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Despite the complexity of discussions and uncertainties surrounding energy transition and MDB reforms, there is optimism that the summit's leaders can find a minimum consensus to demonstrate unity.

A G-20 logo at Tilak Marg in New Delhi. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

India hopes to get the governments to agree on a fossil phase-down. However, if this does not find place in the final text, there is a risk of backsliding on the coal phase-down agreed upon at the Bali summit last year.

At the G-20 energy ministerial, Saudi Arabia led opposition to fossil fuel phase-down efforts, while the G-7 nations had earlier committed to accelerating the phase-out of fossil fuels. Sultan Al Jaber, the President of the next UN climate talks, has stressed that the phase-down of fossil fuels is "inevitable" but contingent upon a substantial increase in renewable energy capacity worldwide. Experts, however, anticipate limited progress on fossil fuel discussions at the G-20.

R.R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow and Programme Director at The Energy and Resources Institute, said, "On the issue of fossil fuels, it is unlikely that there will be any language additional to what was agreed in Bali due to lack of global advancement and concrete action, despite India's push, on technology, hydrogen, blue economy, and circular economy."

T. Jayaraman, Senior Fellow (Climate Change) at the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, said that considering the vast diversity within the bloc, spanning from the lowest emitter, India, to the highest emitter, the U.S., any global targets set at the G-20 must account for this differentiation and acknowledge varied national circumstances explicitly in terms of actual numbers. At 2.4 tCO2e (tonne carbon dioxide equivalent), India's per capita greenhouse gas emission is far below the global average of 6.3 tCO2e.

Meetings with Modi, Saudi Crown Prince on Hasina's Delhi agenda

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to host his Bangladesh counterpart, Sheikh Hasina, at his residence ahead of the G-20 Summit, where Bangladesh is among the nine "guest countries".

Ms. Hasina is scheduled to arrive here on Friday for a three-day visit during which she will speak in Session 1 of the summit and participate in other activities of the G-20 gathering.

Ahead of polls

The visit is significant as it is likely to be her last trip to Delhi before Bangladesh goes to the polls in December. The meeting with Mr. Modi will give both sides a chance to boost bilateral relations. Both leaders have maintained cordial relations since their meeting in 2015 when they sealed the Land Boundary Agreement.

The Hindu has learned that a slot of nearly a hour and a half has been fixed for the meeting at Mr. Modi's residence for Friday evening.

Ms. Hasina has been under pressure to facilitate free and fair election from the U.S. and the EU, but India has maintained a studied silence in this regard.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and French President Emmanuel Macron are scheduled to visit Dhaka. Mr. Lavrov will arrive on Thursday in Dhaka and will meet Ms. Hasina on Friday morning before flying to Delhi. Mr. Macron will leave for Bangladesh on Sunday afternoon.

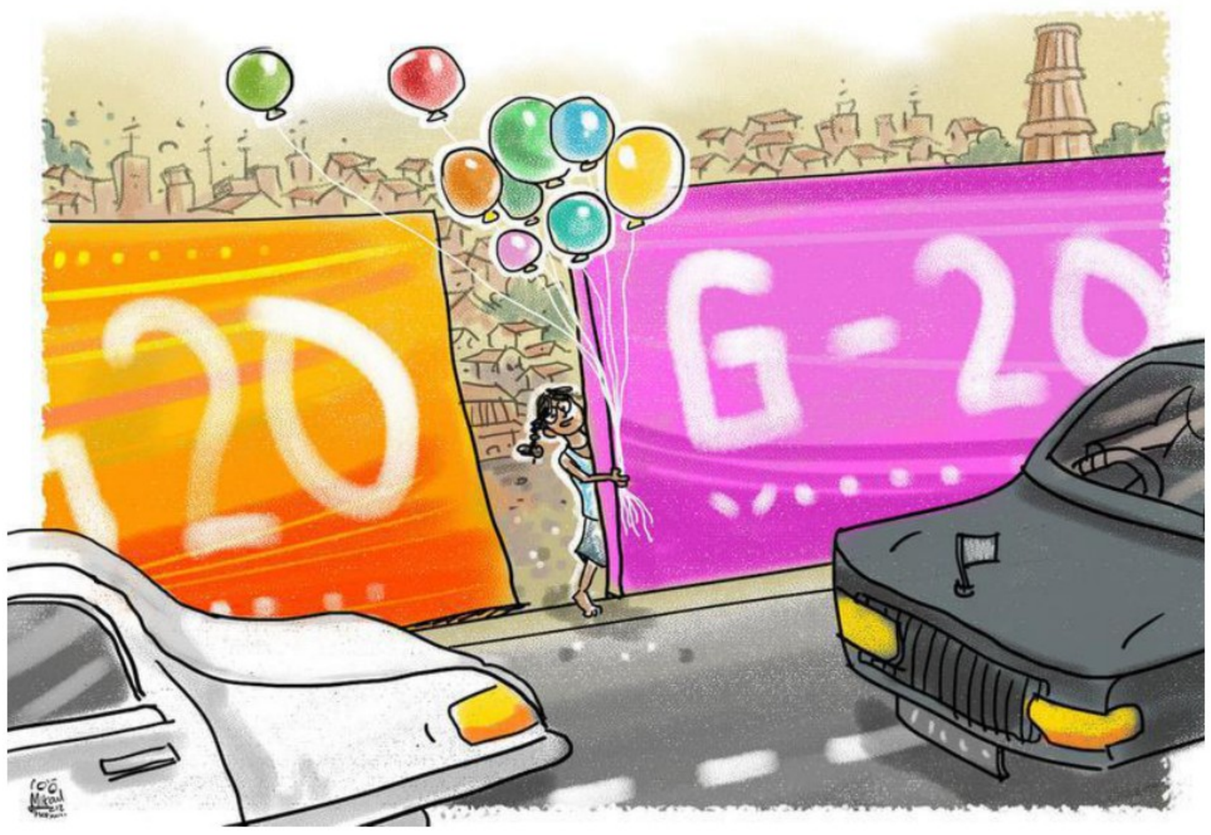
Series of meetings

In Delhi, the Bangladesh Prime Minister will also hold meetings with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu of Nigeria, President Alberto Angel Fernandez of Argentina, President Yoon Suk-yeol of South Korea and President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of the United Arab Emirates.

She will also visit the Rajghat to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi with other G-20 leaders on September 10 and plant a sapling at the Bharat Mandapam to mark the summit. She is scheduled to leave by noon on the same day.

It was planned earlier that the Bangladesh Prime Minister would visit Ajmer to pray at the shrine of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti but that visit is not part of the current agenda as she has to be present in Dhaka to welcome Mr. Macron. It is also being speculated that Mr. Macron may accompany Ms. Hasina on her way back home.

On the draw



Concert of rare instruments planned at President's dinner

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

At the dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi on Saturday, the G-20 leaders will witness a unique musical extravaganza featuring 78 artists who will play some rare Indian instruments such as the *Surbahar*, the *Jaltarang*, and the *Rudra Veena*.

The dinner will be held at the Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G-20 Summit. The artists include 11 children, 13 women, 26 men and six differently abled persons.

Across the country

The concert *'Bharat-Vadya-Darshanam'* (Musical Journey of India), being organised by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous body under the Union Culture Ministry, will feature 34 Hindustani musical instruments, 18 Carnatic musical instruments, and 26 folk musical instruments from across the country.

The hour-and-a-half programme will celebrate the rich tapestry of India's musical heritage through music from different States.

Some rare instruments which will be played are the *Kamaicha*, used by the Manganiar community of Rajasthan; *Naltarang*, created by Baba Allauddin Khan of Maihar, Madhya Pradesh; and *Rudra Veena*, considered one of the most ancient instruments.

"We will immerse in some of the most ancient Vedic musical instruments, tribal instruments, and folk instruments alongside classical musical instruments, creating a beautiful soundscape. The participating musicians are from different regions of India, playing an array of traditional instruments in their traditional attire," a senior Ministry official said.

Modi, Biden to discuss trade issues, jet engine, drone deals during meet

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NEW DELHI

Progress on the deal for jointly manufacturing jet engines in India, sale of MQ-9B armed drones, civil nuclear liability and trade are expected to be issues on top of the agenda as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden hold bilateral talks late on Friday, a day before the G-20 summit.

Further discussions as well as some of the deals are expected in January when Mr. Biden is likely to visit India.

High-technology cooperation under the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) will also be reviewed following up on the announcements from Mr. Modi's state visit to Washington D.C. in June, official sources said.

The meeting is an opportunity for the two leaders to discuss the situation in Ukraine, U.S.-China relations, as well as India-China relations and the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), a source said. The India-U.S. nuclear deal and civil nuclear liability agreement will be discussed as well as announcements on new investments, sources added.

Warm welcome: Students painting a poster to welcome U.S. President Joe Biden to India for the G-20 Summit. ANI

The leaders are likely to discuss outstanding trade issues, given that the U.S. has dropped most World Trade Organization (WTO) cases against India in the past few months and India has moved on dropping tariff increases against the U.S. on certain commodities. In particular, Mr. Biden has been keen to see India join the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum's 'Trade' pillar launched in May 2022, which India has so far stayed away from.

"I think there is a desire and a good possibility [of India joining IPEF trade pillar]. But we shouldn't settle for bringing it back to where it was four or five years ago...I think we have a higher ambition for where we can go. And you'll see record trade, I believe, in the next 12 months, given the reduction in tariffs," U.S. Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti told *The Hindu*. However, he did not hold out much hope that the U.S. would restore India's GSP special status for exports, that was revoked in 2019, as it needs Congressional approval.

The Defence Ministry is all set to issue a Letter of Request (LoR) for the purchase of 31 General Atomic MQ-9B armed drones, 15 for the Navy and eight each for the Army and the Air Force.

Eight years since the civil nuclear deal which brought India into the global civil nuclear energy fold, cooperation between the two countries remains stuck over the U.S. concerns on India's nuclear liability law. Keeping this in mind, the two countries recently announced cooperation on Small Modular Reactors.

During the PM's visit to the U.S. in June, General Electric (GE) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed a MoU to license-manufacture the F-414 jet engines in India

While stating that an agreement on this is not expected to be concluded this week, an official in the know said that it was "under progress".

French President to meet Modi on Sunday

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

French President Emmanuel Macron is likely to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi over lunch on Sunday after the conclusion of the G-20 Summit here, officials said.

Two-day visit

Mr. Macron is scheduled to arrive here on Saturday to participate in the G-20 Leaders Summit at the Bharat Mandapam and have a bilateral meeting with Mr. Modi on Sunday.

During his two-day stay in India, Mr. Macron is also scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with Brazil President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Indonesia President Joko Widodo and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman.

Mr. Macron will leave for Bangladesh on Sunday afternoon.

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INBRIEF

Poila Baisakh is West Bengal Foundation Day: Assembly

The West Bengal Legislative Assembly on Thursday passed a resolution declaring *Poila Baisakh*, the first day of the Bengali calendar, as *Bangla Dibas*, or West Bengal Foundation Day. The resolution was passed after a debate in the Assembly, with 167 MLAs voting in support of the resolution. A controversy had erupted earlier this year when the Raj Bhavan had observed June 20, as the State Foundation Day. The Assembly also passed a proposal of making Rabindranath Tagore's '*Banglar Mati Banglar Jol*' (Bengal's soil and Bengal's water) as the official song of West Bengal.

President Droupadi Murmu to inaugurate NHRIs conference

President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the biennial conference of the National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) of Asia Pacific in New Delhi on September 20. The conference is being organised by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India, in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Forum, in which member countries and more than 1,300 plus delegates from India and abroad are likely to participate. In a communiqué regarding the international conference, the NHRC on Thursday said that the conference will be attended by heads, members and senior officials of the NHRIs of a total 23 countries.

Railway institute signs MoU with Airbus to create jobs

With an aim to create 15,000 job opportunities for Indian students and strengthen the country's aviation sector, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), Vadodara, of the Indian Railways signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the European aviation major Airbus on Thursday. The MoU was signed at the Rail Bhavan between Remi Maillard, president and managing director, Airbus India and South Asia, and Manoj Choudhary, Vice-Chancellor, GSV. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the MoU would create job opportunities for students as per industry requirements. It is expected that 15,000 students are likely to be placed in Airbus' Indian operations.

U.P. to release dictionary for the regional dialects of State

The Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Education (SIE) designed a first-of-its-kind dialects dictionary containing 76,000 words in regional dialects/languages of the State such as Bhojpuri, Awadhi, Braj and Bundelkhandi aimed at conserving regional dialects of the State and also promoting and helping in removing linguistic barriers. The dictionary consists of four books and is in the publishing stage. The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), the nodal agency, will release the volumes soon. The initiative is in line with the new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which calls for conserving and promoting regional dialects.

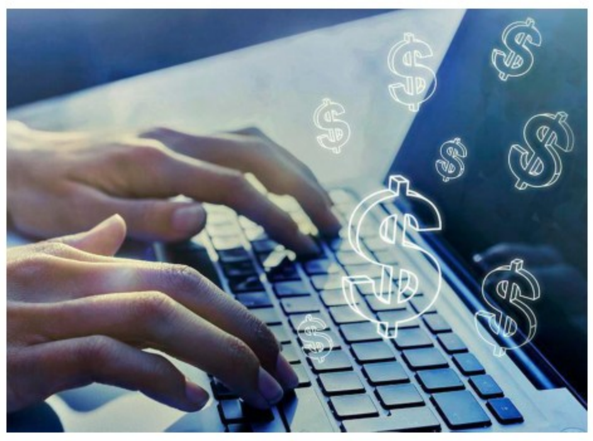
Centre to stop sites from weaving 'dark patterns' to mislead buyers

Draft guidelines open for public comments till October 5; they include ways to prevent and regulate 'false urgency, basket sneaking, confirm shaming, forced action, subscription trap'; applicable to online platforms including sellers and advertisers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has sought public comments on the draft guidelines for prevention and regulation of "dark patterns" on the Internet, particularly in e-commerce platforms. The guidelines include ways to prevent and regulate false urgency, basket sneaking, confirm shaming, forced action, subscription trap and more such "dark patterns". The public can comment on the guidelines, uploaded on the Union Consumer Affairs Ministry's website, till October 5.

Dark patterns have been a prominent feature of many apps and websites over the course of the Internet's growth, and regulators around the world have started taking steps to limit them. In the European Union, for example, users complained that Amazon's Prime service was difficult to unsubscribe online, as the firm would redirect users through a series of pages seeking to retain them. After talks with the European Commission, the company agreed last June to simplify the process.



Caught in trap: Dark patterns have been a prominent feature of many apps and websites during the Internet's growth. ISTOCKPHOTO

'Misleading users'

The draft guidelines have defined dark patterns as "any practices or deceptive design patterns using user interface or user experience interactions on any platform; designed to mislead or trick users to do something they originally did not intend or want to do; by subverting or impairing the consumer autonomy, decision making or choice; amounting to misleading advertisement or unfair trade practice or violation of consumer rights."

Some of the different types of dark patterns, defined by the Ministry, are "false urgency", meaning falsely stating or implying a sense of urgency; "basket sneaking", meaning inclusion of additional items at the time of checkout without the consent of the user; and "confirm shaming", or using a phrase, video, audio or any other means to create a sense of fear or shame or ridicule or guilt in the mind of the user.

The dark patterns include "forced action", which forces a user into taking an action that would require the user to buy additional goods; "subscription trap", or the process of making cancellation of a paid subscription impossible or complex; "interface interference", the design element that manipulates the user interface; and "bait and switch", the practice of advertising a particular outcome based on the user's action. "Drip pricing" is another such practice whereby elements of prices are not revealed upfront and "disguised advertisement" and nagging have been defined by the Ministry in the guidelines.

"Guidelines would be made applicable to all the persons and online platforms including sellers and advertisers," the Ministry said in a release.

Renu Gupta, an advocate who has written about dark patterns and competition, commended the introduction of the draft guidelines, but cautioned that enforcement might be a tricky issue.

"The real challenge lies in conclusively proving that certain practices indeed qualify as dark patterns," Ms. Gupta said. "Consider the 'false category', for instance. How will a regulator determine if a hotel or platform claiming 'only 2 rooms remaining - book now!' is genuinely providing accurate data, or misleading users due to a lack of context," Ms. Gupta said.

She said some dark patterns were easy to regulate, such as e-retail sites adding items to a customer's cart, while other categories like 'disguised advertisements' may need further clarity.

'Assets worth over $1.8 bn recovered under FEOA'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday said assets estimated at more than $12 billion had been attached since 2014 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), while in the past four years or so, property valued at $1.8 billion had been recovered under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEOA).

In his inaugural address at the first-ever International Day of Police Cooperation, Dr. Singh said the FEOA was brought in by the Narendra Modi-led Union government.

He said there has been a steep jump in the extradition of criminals and fugitives in recent years particularly after the country hosted the 90th Interpol General Assembly in October 2022. During the UPA period (2005-2013), on average around four criminals or fugitives returned to India, while the number jumped to 10 after the BJP came to power in 2014, said the Minister.

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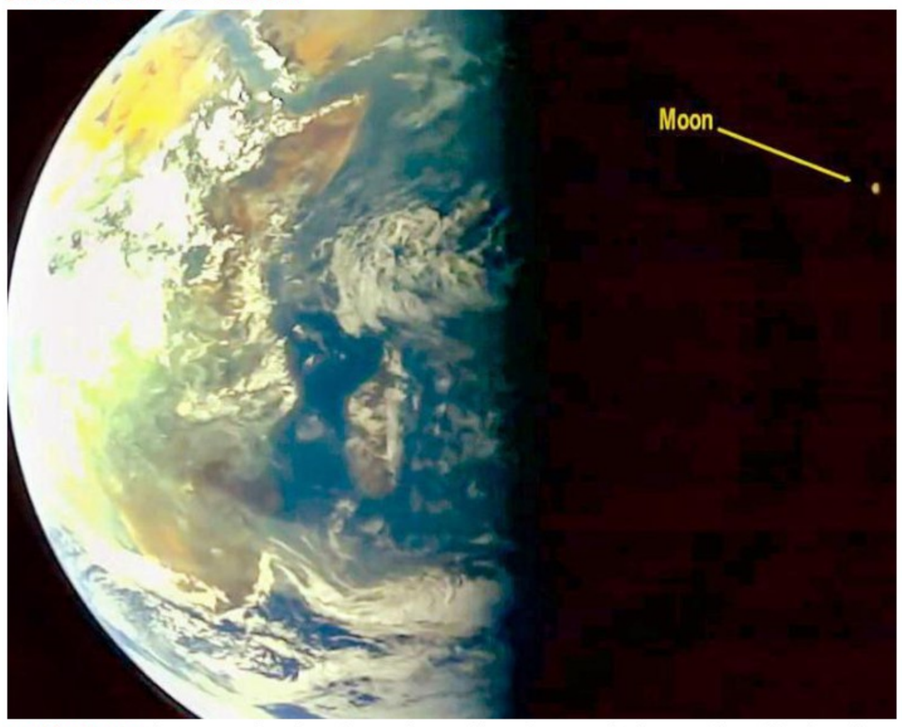


Looking back: The images of earth and moon beamed by Aditya-L1, which were released by the Indian Space Research Organisation on Thursday, as the mission heads to the Lagrange Point 1 (L1). PTI

Haryana CM sparks row with remark

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Thursday courted controversy during his public outreach programme, *Jan Samvad*, for telling a woman, seeking a factory in her village for better job opportunities, that she would be sent to "moon in Chandrayaan-4" in the next phase of lunar mission. Mr. Lal, during the programme at Hisar, was talking about the success of the Self Help Groups in the State, when a woman among the audience demanded that a factory be set up in her village to create better job opportunities.

Bengal Governor 'invites' Mamata to stage protests inside the Raj Bhavan

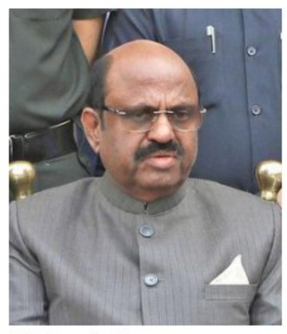
The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose on Thursday invited Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as his "honoured guest" to the Raj Bhavan for staging any protest she wished to on the premises.

"I will request my esteemed constitutional colleague, the honourable CM, to come inside the Raj Bhavan and hold protests if she wants. Why should she be standing outside? We welcome her with open arms," the Governor said while speaking to pressperson at the airport here.

The Chief Minister on Tuesday said that she would hold a "dharna" outside the Raj Bhavan if the Governor continued "holding back" Bills passed by the Assembly.

Earlier in the day, the Governor said that he would continue his fight to make the universities free of corruption and violence. In a video message in Bengali, he tried to explain why he had appointed interim Vice-Chancellors (V-Cs) for the State-run universities.



C.V. Ananda Bose

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court has ordered you [Higher Education Department] ... your action was held illegal. The V-Cs appointed had to resign. Who will then be the V-C? In such a situation I appointed interim V-Cs," Mr. Bose said.

The Governor said he did not force anyone to resign as Vice-Chancellor. "Five [interim] V-Cs had to resign. Why? They told me they were being threatened by goons, senior IAS officers were pressuring them. This is what the [interim] Vice-Chancellors told me in confidence. That is why five of them resigned. I did not ask them to resign. They resigned out of fear," the Governor said.

In another development, a section of academics said that they would hold a protest gathering in front of the Raj Bhavan gates. A "peaceful and silent protest" will be held on Friday, Educationists' Forum spokesperson and former Vice-Chancellor of North Bengal University Om Prakash Mishra said in a statement.

"We will also protest against the inaction of the Governor over the Bills passed by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly on subjects relating to higher education, which is unconstitutional," Professor Mishra said.

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(set by Incognito)

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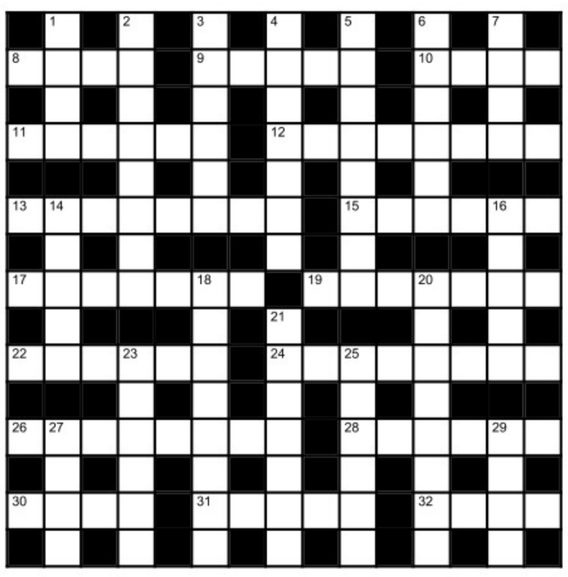
SCAN TO PLAY



Across

8 Fight about European clothes (4)
9 Graduate hugs pale master in Kenya (5)
10 Cooking equipment from Coventry (4)
11 For example, Jupiter's aircraft model (6)
12 Can court start to use recorded evidence? This is the essence... (8)
13 Mount damaged ladder kept behind service truck initially (8)
15 Radio enthusiast permitted a play (6)
17 Score more than 80 (7)
19 After bath, Neil walks dog (7)
22 Scrape away some candelabra debris (6)
24 Take care of toad hopping around damaged tent (6,2)
26 Egyptian peasant dropped a hint to some extent (8)
28 Drops plant parts (6)
30 Forbid capturing eastern animal (4)
31 Gardner's lawyer's builder (5)
32 Old silver with newspaper boss (4)

Down

1 That chap is accompanied by the Spanish bounder (4)
2 Dipsomaniac and medico at UN beginning to kiss on a road (8)
3 Sailor consumed a drop of drink and slacked off (6)
4 Hot inside gas emitter that is a longer distance away (7)
5 Shown app designed in uncle's place (8)
6 After interactive program, Thomas is behind (6)
7 Fruit and vegetable, right? (4)
14 General's opposer on hand (5)
16 Evening before book ceremony, for example (5)
18 Come home, for example, for words spelled similarly but pronounced differently (3,5)
20 Pushed corgi out of conflagration... injured... will not lead to death (3-5)
21 Disappear carrying recipe for liquid coating material (7)
23 Temptation everyone at old place experienced in the beginning (6)
25 Gift old Roman and Greek currency (6)
27 First lady's new flat (4)
29 Animals kept in new estate (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Gugga's blessings

A day after Janmashtami, devotees celebrate Gugga Navami. The popular folk and religious festival observed across Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, and Uttar Pradesh, among other States, reflects the syncretic and fluid traditions of our country, where Gugga is worshipped by people of different sects and religions, Kumool Abbi said in a lecture.

Devotees pray to Gugga, the snake God, for health, for procreation and for protection. Gugga Navami is observed on the ninth day of Krishna Paksha in Bhardapad month according to the Amavasyant calendar, and usually falls on the day after celebrating Krishna's avatar. Gugga, who is venerated as Guggaji by Hindus, and Gugga pir or Gugga zahir pir by Muslims, was a Rajput prince, born to Queen Bacchal and King Jewar of the Agnivamsa lineage of the Chauhan clan of Rajputs.

The celebration of Gugga Navami begins on the day of Rakhi and continues for nine days during which time devotees undertake a pilgrimage to the Gugga medi village in Hanumangarh district of Rajasthan. The garudas (snake charmers and poison removers) carry the standard of Guggapir to Hanumangarh. Devotional songs called pir ke sole are sung by the guggamandlis and prayers take place in Gugga's shrines called marhis.

JAKARTA

Australia PM confirms China visit, Li says ready to resume exchanges

AP

Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese confirmed on Thursday he will visit China later this year after talks with China's premier, who said Beijing was ready to resume bilateral exchanges after years of friction. The announcement came after a years-long break in relations over political and economic issues. AFP

ADDIS ABABA

Police beat, arrest Opposition supporters in Ethiopia's Tigray

AFP

The police in Ethiopia's war-scarred region of Tigray arrested and baton-charged leaders and supporters of a coalition of three Opposition parties ahead of planned demonstrations against the region's interim administration led by the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) on Thursday, a protest organiser said. AFP

YEREVAN

Armenia PM says Azerbaijan preparing 'military provocation'

REUTERS

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on Thursday accused Azerbaijan of preparing a military provocation against its forces by concentrating troops along the arch-foes' shared border and near the breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region. The ex-Soviet republics have been locked in a decades-long conflict. AFP

CAIRO

Sudan's Army chief travels to Qatar for talks with emir as conflict rages

REUTERS

Sudan's Army chief Abdel Fattah Burhan travelled to Qatar on Thursday for talks with the country's emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, making his third international trip since fighting broke out between the military and a rival paramilitary force in April, Sudanese state media said. AP

At ASEAN summit, Indonesia warns against new conflicts

Interactions between officials from the U.S. and China are being closely watched as they seek to control tensions that risk flaring anew over issues ranging from Taiwan to ties with Moscow

Agence France-Presse
JAKARTA

Indonesia warned leaders including U.S. Vice-President Kamala Harris, Chinese Premier Li Qiang and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov against sharpening rivalries as they wrapped up an East Asia summit in Jakarta on Thursday.

The meeting brought Washington and Beijing into contact a day after Mr. Li warned major powers must manage differences to avoid a "new Cold War", and ahead of the G-20 Summit in New Delhi this week that Chinese President Xi Jinping will miss.

Interactions between the officials from the world's top two economies are being closely watched as they seek to control tensions that risk flaring anew over issues ranging from Taiwan to ties with Moscow and the competition for influence in the Pacific.

Sergey Lavrov, left, Kamala Harris, middle, among other leaders of member nations during the ASEAN Summit on Thursday. AP

"Every leader has an equal responsibility to not create new conflicts, to not create new tensions, and at the same time we also have a responsibility to lower heated tensions," Indonesian President Joko Widodo, chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), said in closing remarks.

Ms. Harris spoke about "Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine", maritime challenges in the South and East China Seas and the growing threat of North Korean missile programmes, Daniel Kritenbrink, U.S. assistant secretary for East Asia and Pacific affairs, told a briefing.

Thursday's 18-nation summit was the first time top U.S. and Russian officials have sat around the same table in almost two months, after U.S. and European officials condemned Mr. Lavrov at a July ministerial meeting over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Mr. Lavrov spoke of the risks of the "militarisation of East Asia", accusing the NATO alliance of moving into the region, Russia's Foreign Ministry said.

China may be using AI to sway U.S. voters, says Microsoft

Reuters

Microsoft researchers said on Thursday they found what they believe is a network of fake, Chinese-controlled social media accounts seeking to influence U.S. voters by using artificial intelligence.

A Chinese embassy spokesperson in Washington said that such accusations were "full of prejudice and malicious speculation".

In a new research report, Microsoft said the social media accounts were part of a suspected Chinese information operation. The campaign bore similarities to activity which the United States Department of Justice has attributed to "an elite group within [China's] Ministry of Public Security," Microsoft said.

Philippines opposes 'militia vessels' in South China Sea

Agence France-Presse
JAKARTA

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos told leaders at a summit in Indonesia on Thursday to oppose the use of "coast guard and maritime militia vessels" in the South China Sea, where Manila has a territorial dispute with Beijing.

Philippine ships have been harassed several times in recent months by Chinese vessels in the disputed waterway, an important trade route where other Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia, Vietnam and Indonesia also have claims.

Mr. Marcos told the 18-nation East Asia Summit, which was attended by China, that Manila was concerned about the installation of military facilities on reclaimed features such as outcrops and reefs, as well as violations of international law.

Ferdinand Marcos

"We are concerned over consistent actions that are in violation of obligations under international law," Mr. Marcos said.

He did not mention any country by name at the summit, which was attended by Chinese Premier Li Qiang and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris.

Chinese coast guard vessels fired water cannon on August 5 at a Filipino ship on a mission to resupply marines stationed at a World War II-era ship on Second Thomas Shoal. Another resupply mission to the shoal was also harassed later that month. China defended its actions in the area as "professional".

The Philippines deliberately grounded the ship to stake its claims on the shoal in the disputed sea, which China claims almost in its entirety.

China, which has built military facilities on reclaimed territory, has urged the Philippines to remove the ship. It has also used boats, which Manila described as "militia vessels", to enforce its claims against smaller neighbours.

Mr. Marcos said countries must not allow tensions in the South China Sea to escalate further and urged "all parties to exercise self-restraint and refrain from unilateral" actions that would increase tensions and risk miscalculations.

'Systematic repression' crushing Myanmar: UN

Agence France-Presse
JAKARTA

Hopes of a return to democracy in junta-ruled Myanmar are being crushed by "systematic repression", United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Thursday at a summit in Indonesia with the United States, China and regional leaders.

Myanmar has been ravaged by deadly violence since a 2021 military coup ousted Aung San Suu Kyi's government, unleashing a bloody crackdown on dissent.

"Brutal violence, worsening poverty, and systematic repression are crushing hopes for a return to democracy. The situation is untenable," Mr. Guterres said before a meeting with the ASEAN, of which Myanmar is a member.

The junta was not in attendance after being barred from attending ASEAN summits until it implements a five-point peace plan agreed two years ago.

U.K. rejoins EU's science research programme

Associated Press
LONDON

Britain is rejoining the European Union's $100 billion science-sharing programme Horizon Europe, the two sides announced on Thursday, more than two years after the country's membership became a casualty of Brexit.

British scientists expressed relief at the decision, the latest sign of thawing relations between the EU and its former member nation.

After months of negotiations, the British government said the country was becoming a "fully associated member" of the research collaboration body U.K.-based scientists can bid for Horizon funding starting on Thursday and will be able to lead Horizon-backed science projects starting in 2024. Britain is also rejoining Copernicus, the EU space programme's Earth observation component.

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"The EU and U.K. are key strategic partners and allies, and today's agreement proves that point," said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, who signed off on the deal during a call with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Wednesday. "We will continue to be at the forefront of global science and research."

The EU blocked Britain from Horizon during a feud over trade rules for Northern Ireland, the only part of the U.K. that shares a border with an EU member, the Republic of Ireland.

The two sides struck a deal to ease those tensions in February, but Horizon negotiations have dragged on over details of how much the U.K. will pay for its membership.

Relations between Britain and the bloc were severely tested during the long divorce negotiations that followed Britain's 2016 vote to leave the EU. The divorce became final in 2020, but relations chilled still further under strongly pro-Brexit Boris Johnson.

French court backs abaya ban in schools

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

France's top administrative court on Thursday upheld a government ban on traditional over-garments worn by some Muslim women in schools and rejected complaints it was discriminatory and could incite hatred.

President Emmanuel Macron's government announced last month it was banning the abaya in schools as it broke the rules on secularism in education. Muslim headscarves have already been banned.

An association representing Muslims filed a motion with the State Council, France's highest court, for an injunction against the ban on the abaya.

But after examining the motion, it said wearing the abaya "follows the logic of religious affirmation", adding that the decision was based on French law which did not allow anyone wearing visible signs of any religious affiliation in schools.

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NOTICE INVITING BID

Bid for item 1. LED O.T. LIGHT DOUBLE DOME AND 2. LED O.T. LIGHT CELLING SINGLE DOME are invited from interested bidders up to Date: 21.09.2023: 06:00 P.M. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on Procurement portal website "https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in" or "www.dipronline.org" or "https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" or website "http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in". UBN:- MSC2324GLRC00086
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Bid for supply & installation of equipments/ Items as mentioned in detailed NIT schedule are invited from interested bidder's upto 13-09-2023 at 04:00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state and SMS Medical College, Jaipur department website.

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NOTIFICATION
for the Appointment for the post of PRO & Media Co-Ordinator on Contract Basis

The existing KSDLWS is transformed from Society to Corporate entity as Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited vide Govt. Order No.HFW/76FPR2019, Bangalore, Dtd:25.08.2020. KSMSCL intends to recruit for the post of Public relation officer & Media Co-ordinator on Contract Basis.
Number of Post: **01 (One),** Pay & allowances: **Rs.75,000/-** per month (Consolidated Pay)

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Educational Qualification & Experience	Mode of Recruitment
1	PRO & Media Co-Ordinator	A. **Education** : MA in Mass Communication & Journalism. B. **Experience:** Should have worked Minimum 15 years in any state level News Paper Print Media. C. **Linguistic Expertise:** Should be proficient in 3 Languages i.e., Kan, Eng & Hindi. Should be having translation skills. D. Should have published recent article in the field of Health, Nutrition & Wellness related issue in any one of leading state level daily newspaper.	The recruitment will be purely on merit basis. The Applicants will be selected based on the performance in essay writing, translation skills & interview. **Essay** - 30 Marks **Translation** - 20 Marks **Interview** - 50 Marks

Nature of the Job:- The PRO should interact with all stake holders. As Media Co-Ordinator should engage with Print, Electronic & Social Media.

Terms & Conditions:- 1) The selection of candidate is subject to decision of the committee. **2)** Managing Director, KSMSCL has all the rights to accept or cancel this selection Process at any stage without assigning any reason. **3)** The Contract is for a period of 3 years. **4)** The KSMSCL reserves the right to extend the Contract tenure or terminate at any stage during the contract period. **5)** Education Qualification, Experience and other related information is published on KSMSCL Website: **ww.ksmscl.in** last date for submission of application is **16.09.2023 on or before 5.00 PM**. For submitting application online Email id: md.ksmscl@gmail.com. Application to the other e-mails will not be accepted. **Sd/-**
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

C-MET invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from firms/agencies/institutes having experience and interested in respect of the following for a MeitY-sponsored project titled "Informal Sector Capacity Building Up-gradation with Formation of Recycling Clusters and Enabling Technology for Recovery of Resources from Electronic Waste thereby Promoting Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy".

Sl. No.	Description
1	Development of content for skilling and capacity building of informal actors on dismantling and segregation of E-Waste
2	Selection of accelerators for dissemination and setting up of e-waste recycling CFCs (Common Facility Centers)for informal sector under the MSME-CDP (Cluster Development Program) scheme of M/o MSME, GoI

The EOI Document can be downloaded from the CPP Portal and C-MET website: www.cmet.gov.in.
Last date for receipt of EoIs: 28.09.2023 UP TO 17:00 Hrs. **Sd/-**
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संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई–निविदा सूचना सं./e-Tender Notice No. CMG/C/K 238730, R 238731, Y 238732 & F 238733 तिथि/ Date. 04.09.2023

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से **"श्रीहरिकोटा स्थित आगंतुक परिसर में टोल प्लाजा (स्टील संरचना + आरसीसी आधार संरचना एवं सिविल कार्य) का निर्माण।"** (₹132 लाख); **"एसएमपीसी में प्रयोगशाला सह स्वायत्त प्रणाली कक्ष के (सिविल कार्य)"** (₹31 लाख); **"पैकेज (सी1) के लिए शेष कार्य: एसडीएससी शार (4 भवनों हेतु सिविल, जन स्वास्थ्य व सड़क कार्य) में एसपीपी-1 संवर्धन परियोजना (एसपीएजी)।"** (₹54 लाख); **"दूरमिति उपकेंद्र का संवर्धन: एसडीएससी शार में नए उपकेंद्र का निर्माण (सिविल, पीएच एवं सड़क कार्य)"** (₹345 लाख); के लिए ई–निविदा के माध्यम से मद दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **17.09.2023, 21.09.2023, 17.09.2023 & 25.09.2023** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** पर जाएँ।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Construction of TOLL PLAZA (Steel structure + RCC foundation and Civil works) at Visitors Complex at Sriharikota" (₹132 Lakhs); Lab cum Automation system room at SMPC-I (Civil works) (₹31 Lakhs); Balance works for Package (C1): SPP Augmentation Project (SPAG) at SDSC SHAR (Civil, PH & Road works for 4 buildings) (₹54 Lakhs); Improvements to Telemetry substation: Construction of new substation at SDSC SHAR (Civil, PH and Road works)" (₹345 Lakhs)**; Tender documents can be downloaded up to **17.09.2023, 21.09.2023, 17.09.2023 & 25.09.2023 14:30** hrs. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.
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INBRIEF

Aurobindo Pharma unit receives EIR from U.S. FDA

Drugmaker Aurobindo Pharma's formulation manufacturing facility (Unit III) in Hyderabad, which was in July issued a Form 483 with three observations by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) after an inspection, has received an establishment inspection report from the regulator. "The unit has now received an EIR classifying the facility as voluntary action indicated (VAI)," Aurobindo Pharma said in a filing on Thursday.

United Breweries appoints Vivek Gupta as MD & CEO

United Breweries Ltd. (UBL), a part of the Heineken Company, has appointed Vivek Gupta as Managing Director and CEO with effect from September 25. Along with the UBL leadership team, Mr. Gupta would be responsible for driving sustainable growth for the company. He will lead the premiumisation of UBL's portfolio, including strengthening the iconicity of Kingfisher, UBL said in a statement on Thursday. Mr. Gupta will be joining UBL from Udaan.com.

Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores gets listed on NSE

Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Ltd. (SANDUR) an integrated and diversified commodity producer, which is listed on the BSE, got listed on the NSE on Thursday. The stock, which got listed at ₹1,615.15, slid by 1.25% to close at ₹1,595 on the NSE. "This [listing] occasion is a testament to our collective efforts, unwavering commitment, and the remarkable journey we have embarked upon," said SANDUR managing director Bahirji Ajai Ghorpade.

'Onions, tomatoes, spices fired up thali costs in August'

Cost of a vegetarian thali increased 24% year-on-year, while a non-vegetarian thali's cost rose by 13% last month, Crisil Market Intelligence and Analytics says in monthly report on food plate costs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The cost of a vegetarian thali rose 24% year-on-year while a non-vegetarian thali's cost rose by a slower pace of 13% in August, Crisil Market Intelligence and Analytics said in a monthly report on food plate costs.

While a bulk of the 24% rise in vegetarian thali costs was attributed to tomato prices, which almost tripled in August to hit ₹102 per kilogram (kg) before a sharp dip in the curry essential's prices in the last week helped cool the surge in plate costs. During the final week of August, the extent of increase in thali costs eased to 10% for vegetarians and 6% for non-vegetarians.

Pricier plate

A surge in tomato prices, which extended into most of August, pushed up the cost of a vegetarian thali by 24% YoY

- A sharp dip in tomato prices in the final week helped cool the increase in thali costs in the month's last week to 10% for vegetarians
- Compared with July, there was a ₹0.3 drop in non-veg thali costs to ₹67.3, while vegetarian thalis became ₹0.2 less expensive at ₹33.8 in August

Compared with July, there was a ₹0.3 drop in non-veg thali costs to ₹67.3 in August, while vegetarian thalis became ₹0.2 less expensive to cost ₹33.8.

"The thali costs could see some pull back in September as tomato retail price has halved month-on-month to ₹51 per kg. Also, the cost of a 14.2 kg LPG cylinder, which was ₹1,103 in August, has been brought down to ₹903 per cylinder from September. This will also come as a relief for consumers," the research agency projected.

Govt. notifies GST rules for casinos, e-games

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry notified rules to impose a 28% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on the face value of bets placed in online games and casinos, paving the way for implementation of the levy which the government hopes to kick off from October 1.

New provisions in the Central GST rules specify that for taxation purposes, authorities will consider the value of supply in online gaming and casinos as the total amount paid or payable to the supplier of such games, including virtual digital-asset payments.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	66,266	0.58
US Dollar	83.23	-0.12
Gold	60,050	-0.24
Brent oil	90.39	0.11

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2509.50	13.00
Adani Ports	809.90	2.85
Apollo Hosp	5029.05	-4.05
Asian Paints	3246.35	21.05
Axis Bank	978.20	13.15
Bajaj Auto	4717.20	33.40
Bajaj Finserv	1519.55	1.35
Bajaj Finance	7363.20	-24.60
Bharti Airtel	875.30	-5.00
BPCL	354.60	1.45
Britannia Ind	4530.70	-38.45
Cipla	1249.30	-7.45
Coal India	274.00	18.20
Divis Lab	3694.00	-13.95
Dr Reddys Lab	5615.15	31.85
Eicher Motors	3402.45	11.15
Grasim Ind	1847.40	8.90
HCL Tech	1254.00	18.15
HDFC Bank	1610.85	15.35
HDFC Life	656.75	9.20
Hero MotoCorp	2960.90	22.90
Hindalco	475.10	-3.05
Hind Unilever	2507.45	-16.05
ICICI Bank	965.65	8.15
IndusInd Bank	1439.60	30.95
Infosys	1466.20	-11.25
ITC	445.90	-1.55
JSW Steel	819.30	4.40
Kotak Bank	1789.00	18.70
L&T	2846.40	115.95
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5485.90	78.65
M&M	1565.75	-11.25
Maruti Suzuki	10280.75	101.90
NestleIndia	21896.30	-107.80
NTPC	234.10	2.20
ONGC	181.75	-1.30
PowerGrid Corp	257.00	2.50
Reliance Ind	2432.00	3.30
SBI Life	1347.50	27.70
State Bank	579.05	8.55
Sun Pharma	1133.05	-9.30
TataConsumerProduct	858.70	-20.20
Tata Motors	614.90	4.65
Tata Steel	130.15	0.55
TCS	3455.25	25.35
Tech Mahindra	1269.25	20.30
Titan	3172.80	-3.25
UltraTech Cement	8495.15	-42.25
UPL	612.30	2.95
Wipro	432.85	3.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 07

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.01	83.33
Euro	88.90	89.25
British Pound	103.39	103.79
Japanese Yen (100)	56.30	56.52
Chinese Yuan	11.33	11.37
Swiss Franc	93.03	93.39
Singapore Dollar	60.83	61.07
Canadian Dollar	60.84	61.07
Malaysian Ringitt	17.74	17.81
Australian Dollar	53.00	53.21

Source:Indian Bank

'Govt. must not stunt e-commerce growth'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) has urged the government to transparently consult all stakeholders in the booming e-commerce sector before finalising a policy so as not to stunt its growth.

The IACC, which represents U.S. and Indian business interests, said India's e-commerce policy was long awaited but its last draft was shared four years ago, prior to the pandemic and the current version has not been shared with the public or industry.

"The way to ensure that the policy and rules are positive is by finalising them only after consensus has emerged through transparent and open consultation," IACC national president Lalit Bhasin said.

Mr. Bhasin stressed that the e-commerce sector must be nurtured with extreme care. "Any policy or regulation for the e-commerce sector must ensure that its growth is not stunted in any manner," he said, noting that the industry is already under the ambit of several laws, including the recently-cleared Digital Data Protection Act.

IMF-FSB push for sharing info to govern crypto assets

Reuters
NEW DELHI

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Financial Stability Board has recommended cross-border cooperation and information sharing for consistent regulation of crypto assets, the two said in a joint report to the Group of 20 nations released to the media on Thursday.

A blanket ban that makes crypto activities illegal can be costly and demanding to enforce, the IMF and FSB observed.

SBI offers card to use across transit modes

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced 'Nation First Transit Card' to facilitate easy digital ticketing-fare payments in metro, buses, ferries and parking, through a single card.

In addition, individuals can also use this RuPay NCMC (National Common Mobility Card) prepaid card for making retail and e-commerce payments.

"The Nation First Transit Card, powered by RuPay and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) technology, is set to revolutionise commuting experience and is aligned with the national vision of "One Nation One Card," said Dinesh Kumar Khara, Chairman, SBI.

Dinesh Kumar Khara

"This will not only ease the lives of our customers but also contribute to the growth of our country."

Switch Mobility aims to sell 3,000 IeVs in first year

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Switch Mobility, the electric vehicle arm of Ashok Leyland, is planning to sell 3,000 units of its newly introduced light commercial vehicles - IeV3 and IeV4 - in which it has invested about ₹100 crore in product development.

Intelligent electric vehicle (IeV) is the second product from the Switch stable after the rollout of electric buses for Mumbai Transport Corporation in June.

"This is a new segment that we are entering into. In the first year, we plan to produce 3,000 units," CEO Mahesh Babu said during a media interaction.

"The numbers can be

scaled up depending on demand," he added.

Terming the IeV3 and IeV4 'twin brothers', with payloads of 1.7 tonnes and 2.1 tonnes respectively, he said Switch would produce IeVs with payloads up to 7.5 tonnes and unveil more variants in the coming months.

The vehicles would cater to the needs of e-commerce players, last and mid-mile connectivity, waste management, and FMCG and cold supply chain segments.

"A sum of ₹100 crore has been spent towards developing the product. It will be manufactured at ALL's Hosur plant," he said.

"The IeVs are built on modular architecture, thereby allowing them to accommodate a wide range of applications and scalability," Mr. Babu said.

According to Mr. Babu, bookings for IeVs will commence between October and December and deliveries from January 2024.

Executive Chairman Dheeraj Hinduja said the IeVs would play a pivotal role in last-mile connectivity.

'Fintechs taking banking to remote areas'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Centre was taking efforts to ensure fintech was used optimally to take various government schemes to the poor in rural areas, Union Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad said here.

JAM (Jan Dhan, Aadhar, and Mobile) was the key enabler of India's digital landscape, he said while addressing at an event.

"It's a prime example of how fintech can benefit people. More than 50 crore people have benefited from Jan Dhan Yojana and Jan Dhan account holders deposited more than ₹2 lakh crore in the accounts."

'Food processing sector to generate 9 million jobs by 2024'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India's household consumption could quadruple by 2030 and help boost food processing

India's food processing sector is expected to generate 9 million jobs by 2024, and by 2030 India's household consumption would quadruple, making it the world's fifth-largest consumer of food and food technology, said Prabodh Halde, western region chairman, All India Food Processors' Association.

He said this emerging sector, which had attracted $4.18 billion in foreign direct investments (2014-2020), is poised for significant growth.

"The sector significantly contributes to India's economy, accounting for 13% of exports and 6% of industrial investment. With a market size of $1.3 billion, the thriving Indian gourmet food sector sustains an impressive 20% CAGR," Mr. Halde said.

He added that India's food processing sector was aiming to double its GDP contribution from 8% to 20% by 2030.

U.S. jobless claims hit lowest since Feb., flags tight labour market

Reuters

The number of Americans seeking jobless benefits for the first time fell unexpectedly last week to the lowest level since February, pointing to a U.S. job market that remains relatively tight even as other recent data hint it has begun to soften.

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits fell 13,000 to 2,16,000 in the week ended Sept. 2 from a revised 2,29,000 in the prior week, the Labor Department said on Thursday. That was the lowest since the same level was touched in the week ended Feb. 11 and it marked the fourth straight weekly decline. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast new claims would rise to 2,34,000.

Jobless benefits

Meanwhile, the rolls of those continuing to receive jobless benefits beyond the first week fell by 40,000 to 1.679 million in the week ended Aug. 26 from a revised 1.719 million a week earlier. That was the lowest since the same level was hit in the week ended July 15.

Overall, the jobless claims figures show the U.S. job market appears in no danger of rolling over in the near term.

Office of the Superintending Engineer Water Resources Construction Circle Dungarpur
E-gmail - sedungarpur.wr@rajasthan.gov.in
No. Acc./2023/672 Date:- 29/08/2023
Short Term E-NIT No. 06/2023-24
Bids for the works mentioned below are invited from interested bidders upto dated 11.09.2023 till 6.00 PM.

S. No.	Name of Work
1	2
1	Beautification and Landscapping Work at Manjhola Tank Village Manjhola Tehsil and District Dungarpur Rs. 37385177.00 UBN NO

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in**
NIB - WRD2324A0381
UBN - WRD2324WSOB01052
Superintending Engineer Water Resources Construction Circle Dungarpur
DIPR/C/13184

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL S.M.S. MEDICAL COLLEGE & CONTROLLER OF THE ATTACHED HOSPITALS, JAIPUR
No.-F/MC/Store/2023-24/3392-93 Dated:- 19/08/2023
Notice Inviting Bid
Rates for Two year rate contract period for Generic Drugs & Medicines, Surgical including Disposable & Consumables and Proprietary items etc. on consignment basis for Super Speciality Hospital, SMS Medical College, Jaipur, are invited from interested bidders as **per schedule in NIB Notice**. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state; and SMS Medical College, Jaipur department website.
UBN. SMS2324GLRC00312
PRINCIPAL & CONTROLLER
DIPR/C/12339

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES ZONE JAIPUR
No. 2823 Date: 29.08.2023
Short Term E-NIB no - 15/2023-24
On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, bid for For the Following the work bids for the following works are invited from eligible bidders up to 06:00 PM on dated 12.09.2023 and technical bid will be opened on dated 13.09.2023 at 3:00 PM.
a. Construction of Anicut On Gambhiri River near Village Olwada Tehsil and Dist. Sawaimadhopur Rs 513.24 Lakh.
b. Construction of Anicut at Kosolav and Jahaj Nallah GP Chirawanda Tehsil Nadhoti District Karauli Rs 612.81 Lakh.
Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state.
NIB no: WRD2324A0391
UBN no: 1. WRD2324WLOB1064
2. WRD2324WLOB1065
Additional Chief Engineer Water Resources Zone Jaipur
DIPR/C/12983

OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER P.W.D. ZONE TONK
क्रमांक **2849-2860** दिनांक **21.08.2023**
Notice Inviting Bid
31/2023-24
04 No. Bids for Widening & Strengthing work of various roads under District Dausa, SWM & Tonk for the Budget Declaration Year 2023-24, Zone Tonk (Provision of Defect liability period is 5 Years) are invited from interested bidders upto 11.09.2023 Time 6.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in)** of the state; and Public Works department Rajasthan website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 9663.28 Lacs.
NIB CODE PWD2324A2436
PWD2324WLOB10960
PWD2324WLOB10961
PWD2324WLOB10962
PWD2324WLOB10963
(R.N. Bairwa), Addl. Chief Engineer, P.W.D., Zone, Tonk.
DIPR/C/12923

OFFICE OF GENRAL MANAGER RSFDCL, RO AJMER, HQ BIKANER
S.NO. F ( ) ACC-TENDAR/GM/RSFDCL/ROA/HQ B/2023-24/ 873 DATE :- 05-09-2023
E-Notice Inviting Bid 01/2023-24
Bids for felling tree, transpotion and lot creation of wood are invited from interested Bidders from 07.09.2023 (11.00 AM) to 26.09.2023 (4.00 PM) other particulars of the Bid may be seen by visiting the procurement portal **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** & **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** websites. The approximated value of the procurement is Rs. 380.00 lakhs.
NIB CODE :-FOR2324A0547
UBN CODE :-FOR2324WSOB00651
Raj.Samwad/C/23/8767 **General Manager**

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER WATER RESOURCES ZONE JAIPUR
No. 2903 Date: 1/9/23
Short Term E-NIB - 16/2023-24
On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, bid for the work "Extension and Modernization of Tail Cluster of PMC and its minors District Dholpur"
"Rs. 516.27 Lac" is invited from eligible bidders up to 06:00 PM on dated 14.09.2023 and technical bid will be opened on dated 15.09.2023 at 3:00 PM.
Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state.
NIB no. WRD2324A0395
UBN no. WRD2324WLOB01079
Additional Chief Engineer Water Resources Zone Jaipur
DIPR/C/13097

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S. No. F( )ACE/Proj/Aj/AR-JJM (SE-PIU-I)/2023-24/3559-3563 Dated:
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR WORKS
NIT No. 09/2023-2024
Bid for "Retrofitting Work for Providing Water Supply through FHTCs in 10 NRVs & 323 Other Habitations of Degana, Nagaur, Bherunda, Riyan & Jayal Blocks of District Nagaur including work of Transmission main, rising mains, Construction of New OHSRs, connecting these new OHSRs with existing and new Rising Mains, Pipeline from OHSRs to VTCs, Internal village distribution network, providing/replacement of transmission Pumps/cluster pumps/ online boosters and Functional Household Trap Connections (FHTCs) including all material and labour, one year defect liability period after completion and thereafter 10 Years O & M of assets on Single point responsibility, Turnkey Percentage Above / Below BSR rate-based contract under Jal Jeevan Mission for Degana, Nagaur, Bherunda, Riyan & Jayal Blocks of District Nagaur (Phase-II, Package-7, CDS-04)" are invited from interested bidders upto 14.09.2023. Other particulars of the Bid may be seen on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state.
"SAVE WATER - SAVE LIFE"
UBN No. : PHE2324WLOB07207
NIB No. : PHE2324A3184
Additional Chief Engineer (Project) PHED, Region, Ajmer
DIPR/C/13051

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क्रमांकः 2545 दिनांकः 25.08.2023
अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्याः 28 वर्ष 2023-2024
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IN AUCTION LIST

Aussie pacer Starc looking forward to IPL return after 2015 edition

Australian pacer Mitchell Starc is likely to feature in the IPL for the first time since 2015 after deciding to put his name in the auction ahead of the 2024 edition. Starc feels an IPL stint before the T20 World Cup next June makes a lot of sense. "It's been eight years. I'm definitely going back in (next) year," Starc said.

BANKING ON EXPERIENCE

Netherlands recalls van der Merwe and Ackermann for ODI World Cup

Roelof van der Merwe *(in pic)* and Colin Ackermann earned a recall as the Netherlands announced its ODI World Cup squad.
The squad: Edwards (capt.), O'Dowd, de Leede, Vikram Singh, Nidamanuru, van Meekeren, Ackermann, van der Merwe, van Beek, Aryan Dutt, Ryan Klein, Barresi, Zulfiqar, Shariz and Engelbrecht.

TIME OUT

Brief delay as spectator needs medical attention at US Open

The U.S. Open quarterfinal between Madison Keys and Marketa Vondrousova was delayed for about eight minutes in the first game when a spectator needed medical attention. The chair umpire announced that first-aid responders had been called. Keys brought two fresh towels and a bottle of water to where the spectator was.

NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE

If you like me, you don't have to hate Messi, says Ronaldo

Cristiano Ronaldo says he and Lionel Messi "have changed the history of football" and that he still wants to raise the bar at the age of 38. On his rivalry with Messi, Ronaldo said "if you like Ronaldo, you don't have to hate Messi. We are both very good. We changed the history of soccer. He has marked his path, I have marked mine."

A stern test awaits Rahul as he takes guard again

The stylish batter, having recovered from injury, is expected to strike a balance for India, starting with the high-intensity clash against Pakistan on Sunday till the end of the World Cup

ASIA CUP

Amol Karhadkar
COLOMBO

K.L. Rahul, after being adjudged player of the match during India's ODI against Sri Lanka in Kolkata in January, had made a prophetic statement when asked to sum up a turbulent 2022.

Rahul had explained how he found that an injury makes an individual a different "person", how the body "doesn't react the same way" to a situation and how he has understood that it's "challenging" to cope with the expectations of performing when you are "straight away put into international cricket".

Eight months on, Rahul – whose international career has been a start-stop affair due to fitness issues – will face perhaps the toughest challenge of returning from an injury lay-off.

Having recovered from a quadriceps surgery after hurting his thigh during the IPL in May and the groin niggle he suffered just before the Asia Cup, Rahul is expected to strike a balance for India, starting with the high-intensity clash versus Pakistan on Sunday till the end of the World Cup.

Putting in the hard yards: India will hope Rahul, having a stint at the nets, rediscovers his mojo. AFP

Chat with Dravid

No wonder Rahul was in the limelight on Thursday morning when six India players trained indoors at the Nondescripts Cricket Club. Seldom did the stylish batter appear out of touch during his batting drill and had multiple chats with head coach Rahul Dravid during the team's optional training session.

He was also involved in a short game of mini-footie along with Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Hardik Pandya, Suryakumar Yadav and Shardul Thakur. Since there was hardly any space, Rahul did not don the gloves.

Should the Colombo weather remain clear on Sunday, Rahul will be expected to play the role of wicketkeeper-batter at the R. Premadasa Stadium.

The challenge will be multifold for the Bengaluru player.

Having lost his place in the Test side and the selection committee starting to favour younger players for T20s, ODI cricket is now Rahul's primary format. But Ishan Kishan has emerged as a reliable option for a similar role.

Moreover, Rahul hardly has any leeway in regaining his mojo before the World Cup. India's three or four games in the Asia Cup are in danger of being a no-show due to weather. That may leave him with just three ODIs against Australia to find his touch.

Rahul at times receives unnecessary flak on social media for being favoured by the team management.

It is time for Rahul to translate all the support of captains and coaches into consistent success at the highest level over the next two months. Can he begin on Sunday?

Tension soars between PCB and Jay Shah

Amol Karhadkar
COLOMBO

Merciless rain may have prevented a lot of action on the field during the Asia Cup, but there is no dearth of action off it. Especially with the squabble between Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB's) former and current chiefs and the Asian Cricket Council's (ACC) president, Jay Shah, who is also the secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), over scheduling issues.

The Asia Cup itinerary was finalised after a prolonged dispute between PCB, the tournament host, and BCCI. Soon after the Asia Cup was awarded to Pakistan last year, the BCCI refused to travel to Pakistan, citing security reasons.

With the BCCI sticking to its stand, the PCB initially proposed the United Arab Emirates as a co-host for the hybrid model. However, with Sri Lanka and Bangladesh opposing the UAE due to severe heat in September, PCB was forced to settle for Sri Lanka as co-host.

On Tuesday, Najam Sethi, the former PCB chief, took to social media and squarely blamed Shah for preferring Sri Lanka, despite the weather threat. "Only Mr. Shah can explain why these options were rejected and why Sri Lanka was accommodated against all reason, logic, and rationality," he posted on X.

In response, Shah issued a statement. "All the full members, media rights holders, and in-stadia rights holders were initially hesitant to commit to

Jay Shah. FILE PHOTO: K. PICHUMANI

hosting the entire tournament in Pakistan. This reluctance stemmed from concerns related to the security and economic situation prevailing in the country," Shah said, adding that "several leadership changes" in PCB resulted in back-and-forth negotiations.

On Wednesday evening, Zaka Ashraf, the incumbent PCB chief, alleged an "arbitrary decision" by the ACC for sticking to Colombo as the venue for the Super Four games despite having earlier agreed to move the games to Hambantota.

Alleging that it took ACC 27 minutes after moving the tournament to Hambantota for a volte-face and sticking to Colombo, Ashraf demanded ACC compensate for the loss of gate receipts.

"Who will be responsible for the loss of gate receipts to the PCB and the adverse impact on the ACC Event's brand value should the matches be rained out in Colombo? The ACC will have to take responsibility for the washed-out matches, incremental costs if any, and also reimburse PCB for the losses of gate revenue," Ashraf wrote.

Bopanna and Ebden storm into the final

Dream run: Bopanna and Ebden eased past France's Herbert and Mahut in straight sets. GETTY IMAGES

US OPEN

Press Trust of India
NEW YORK

Continuing their dream run, India's Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden entered the final of the US Open with a straight-sets win over French pair of Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut here on Thursday.

This will be Bopanna's second appearance in a Grand Slam men's doubles final.

The sixth seeds, who had reached the semifinals of the Wimbledon Championships this year, beat the French pair 7-6(3), 6-2 in the semifinals of the hard court Major.

With this feat, the 43-year-old Indian also became the oldest player to reach a Grand slam final in the Open era. Bopanna beat the record of Daniel Nestor of Canada, who was 43 years and 4 months when he played in a Major final, by two months.

Interestingly, it was also in the US Open where Bopanna competed in his maiden Major final way back in 2010 along with Pakistani partner Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi.

THE RESULTS

Men: Doubles: Semifinals: 6-Bopanna & Ebden (Aus) bt Mahut & Herbert (Fra) 7-6(3), 6-2.
Quarterfinals: **Men**: 3-Medvedev bt 8-Rublev 6-4, 6-3, 6-4; 1-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 12-Zverev (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
Women: 17-Keys (USA) bt 9-Vondrousova (Cze) 6-1, 6-4.

Labuschagne, Agar script incredible win for Australia

Agence France-Presse
BLOEMFONTEIN

Australia looked down and out when it slipped to 113 for seven, chasing South Africa's 222, in the first ODI on Thursday. However, concussion substitute Marnus Labuschagne – replacing Cameron Green who was struck by a Kagiso Rabada delivery – and Ashton Agar added 112 for the unbroken eighth wicket to help the visitors turn the tables on the hosts.

Earlier, South Africa captain Temba Bavuma had carried his bat with a century, but his effort went in vain as Labuschagne and Agar showed resilience to take the team home.

The scores: South Africa 222 in 49 overs (Bavuma 114 n.o.) lost to Australia 225/7 in 40.2 overs (Labuschagne 80 n.o., Agar 48 n.o.).

India has a chance at Hangzhou: Gukesh

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

He was the undoubted star of last year's Chess Olympiad in Chennai, and now D. Gukesh is excited about the Asian Games, beginning at Hangzhou later this month.

Chess is making a comeback to the Asian Games after a gap of 13 years, just in time for the massively talented young Indians like Gukesh.

"I am very excited about my first ever Asian Games," he said at a media interaction here on Thursday. "It is a prestigious event and I look forward to watching athletes in other sports. I love badminton, and I would like to watch it if I could."

Gukesh, who recently broke into the World top 10, believes India has a fair chance on the chessboard. "But there are other strong teams," he said. "And we

Gukesh. DEBASISH BHADURI

had a camp here with Boris Gelfand. It went off very well. It was very tiring, which is usually good. The camp was brilliant."

The 17-year-old didn't have a particularly good time at the rapid section of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament, as he could finish only sixth. "Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (the champion) was clearly the best player here," he said.

Alcaraz on course for title defence after ending Zverev's run; Medvedev battles past heat, Rublev

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Top seed Carlos Alcaraz defeated Alexander Zverev in straight sets on Wednesday to cruise into the US Open semifinals and keep his title defence on track.

The Spaniard will play third seed Daniil Medvedev on Friday for a place in the final after sweeping Zverev aside 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 in another clinical performance.

Alcaraz was not at his spectacular best but dominated at critical moments with Zverev perhaps feeling the effects of a 4hr 41min outing in the last 16 in the tournament's longest match so far.

The World No. 1 converted all four of his break points, while Zverev failed to take any of his five chances.

"I'm feeling really comfortable playing on this court, playing in New York," said Alcaraz, who has dropped just one set en route to the last four.

"I'm feeling strong. I think I'm ready for a great battle against Medvedev."

The 20-year-old Alcaraz is now 24-1 in his last four Grand Slams going back to the start of last year's US Open.

His only loss in that time came to Novak Djokovic in the French Open semifinals.

New York has been sweltering in a heatwave this week, with high humidity and temperatures at Flushing Meadows on Wednesday hitting 35 degrees Celsius.

Tournament organisers confirmed that extreme heat measures were in effect for the quarterfinal – but Medvedev was clearly unimpressed.

At one point during the third set, the 2021 US Open champion muttered to a nearby TV camera "one player is going to die and

Brutal: 'One player is going to die and they're going to see': Medvedev was unimpressed with the extreme heat measures. REUTERS

they're going to see" as he grabbed a towel.

"The conditions were brutal. The only good thing is that both players suffer, so it's tough for both of us," Medvedev said after his victory in 2hr 48min.

"At the end of the first set I kind of couldn't see the ball anymore. I kind of just played with sensations."

Wednesday's play got under way earlier in blazing sunshine on Arthur Ashe, where China's Zheng Qinwen struggled before being overwhelmed by second seed Aryna Sabalenka 6-1, 6-4.

Zheng said the partially closed roof on Arthur Ashe – a move designed to protect spectators from the sun – had caused her problems, making it hard to focus on the ball with shadows darkening part of the court.

"I hate that different half-shadow, half-sun," Zheng said. "Because I feel that's also bad, I mean, my eyes."

Sabalenka, however, had no difficulty in adapting, with the Belarusian dominating her opponent with a powerful service game that sends her into a last four meeting with 17th seeded American Madison Keys.

Keys, who reached the final in 2017, advanced to the last four after defeating Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-4.

INBRIEF

Messi, Haaland, Mbappe nominated for *Ballon d'Or*

Argentina forward Lionel Messi was among the nominees for the men's *Ballon d'Or* trophy announced by organisers France Football magazine on Wednesday. Manchester City striker Erling Haaland, who won the UEFA award for the best men's player last season, and Paris St. Germain forward Kylian Mbappe were also on the short list. Chelsea duo Sam Kerr and Millie Bright were among the 30 female nominees, along with Barcelona's Aitana Bonmati, who helped Spain win the World Cup last month.

India beats Nepal, enters SAFF u-16 football semifinal

India secured the top spot in Group A of the SAFF under-16 Championship to seal a berth in the semifinals, defeating Nepal 1-0 in Thimphu on Wednesday. Mohammed Arbash scored the match-winner in the first-half.

Sutirtha springs a surprise on Taipei's Szu-Yu

India's Sutirtha Mukherjee upset World No. 40 Chen Szu-Yu of Taipei 10-12, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7 in the women's second round of the 26th-Asian table tennis at Pyeongchang (South Korea) on Thursday.

The results (second round): Men: G. Sathiyan bt Ebrahim Gubran (Yem) 15-13, 11-4, 11-6; Chi-Yuan Chuang (Tpe) bt Manush Shah 11-8, 11-8, 11-9; Wong Chun Ting (Hkg) bt Harmeet Desai 11-2, 7-11, 6-11, 11-7, 11-7; Manav Thakkar bt Yu Tey Hong (Mas) 11-9, 12-10, 11-6; Sharath Kamal bt Feng Leong (Mas) 11-7, 11-8, 13-15, 11-9.
Women: Jinnipa Sawettabut (Tha) w/o Manika Batra; Sutirtha Mukherjee bt Chen Szu-Yu (Tpe) 10-12, 11-8, 11-7, 11-7; Ayhika Mukherjee bt Sikka Suwal (Nep) 11-2, 11-0, 11-1; Mima Ito (Jpn) bt Sreeja Akula 11-5, 11-6, 11-9; Meng Cheng (Chn) bt Diya Chitale 11-3, 11-6, 11-8.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs New Zealand: 1st ODI, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5 p.m.

US Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9 p.m. & 4.30 a.m. (Saturday).

Diamond League: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 11.30 p.m.

India goes down to Iraq in shootout after a controversial contest

It was a creditable show by The Blue Tigers, who were without their talismanic striker and captain Chhetri

KING'S CUP 2023

Press Trust of India
CHIANG MAI (THAILAND)

Decision pending: The match saw some debatable calls by the referee, including a penalty for Iraq in the 79th minute. PTI

India conceded a late goal off a debatable penalty to miss out on its first ever win over higher-ranked Iraq who won via penalty shootout in the Kings Cup here on Thursday.

India was leading 2-1 till the 79th minute when the referee awarded a soft penalty to Iraq after its striker Aymen Ghadhban was squeezed by two defenders in the box during a tussle to get on to a high cross. Ghadhban himself stepped up to take the kick from the spot and scored to level the match 2-2 and take it to the penalty shootout.

Iraq then won 5-4 in the shootout with Brandon Fernandes failing to score as his kick hit the post and went out.

Under the tournament's rule, the match will be decided via penalty shootout if the scores are levelled in the regulation time and there will be no extra time.

It was a creditable show by the Indian team, which was without its talismanic striker and captain Chhetri, who missed the tournament after becoming a father recently. India played on equal terms against Iraq, ranked 70th in the FIFA chart (as against its 99th), for the most part of the semifinal.

Earlier, Mahesh Naorem had given India the lead in the 16th minute before Karim Ali equalised in the 28th minute, also from a penalty. India again went in front in the 51st minute with Iraq captain and goalkeeper Jalal Hasan conceding an own goal.

Sending off

Iraq was reduced to 10 men in the injury stoppage time as Zidane Iqbal was sent off for elbowing Brandon but India could not capitalise much on that as the regulation time ended within a minute.

The result: Iraq 2 (Al-Hamadi 28-pen, Aymen Hussein 80-pen) drew with India 2 (Naorem Mahesh 16, Jalal Hassan 51-og); (**Iraq won 5-4 on penalties**).

Asian junior chess from today

Sports Bureau
JAMSHEDPUR

The Tata Steel Asian junior chess championship, which opens here on Friday, has attracted some of the future stars from the continent.

The tournament, which was inaugurated by five-time World champion Viswanathan Anand and Chanakya Chaudhary (vice president, corporate services, Tata Steel) on Thursday, will have competitions in all three formats – classical, rapid and blitz.

The top seed in the classical event in the Open section is Aleksey Grebnev, with an Elo rating of 2486. L.R. Srihari is the highest-rated Indian. Kazakhstan's Nazarke Nurgali (2268) heads the girls' list, followed by the host's Saina Salonika (2140).

FSDL rejects Chaubey's plea for postponement of ISL-10

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
CHENNAI

The Indian Super League, organised by the Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), will start on September 21, as the apex body rejected the plea of Kalyan Chaubey, the president of the All India Football Federation, to defer the starting date by 10 days.

FSDL issued a statement on Thursday, saying that there was no scope for postponement of the schedule and that it was made keeping the AFC Asian Cup and the FIFA windows in mind.

"The ISL 10 season schedule to begin on September 21st has been created and approved with extensive consultations involving all stakeholders, including the AIFF. Basis the recommendations of AIFF on the league window, the final start dates were calendered," FSDL said in a statement.

"All stakeholders have formally agreed to the schedule's dates and structure, which incorporates necessary breaks to accommodate FIFA windows and breaks for the AFC Asian Cup.

Packed calendar

"Given the packed football calendar, the season schedule has been designed to consider all these factors leaving no scope for postponement of the tournament at this stage."

Earlier, Chaubey had reportedly requested FSDL to delay the start of the league as the Indian men's football team will be in action in the Asian Games this month.

Several clubs, including Mumbai City FC, Kerala Blasters and East Bengal, had earlier written to the AIFF expressing their hesitation about releasing playing for the Asiad. The clubs can actually refuse to release players for Hangzhou as the Games are out of the FIFA international window.

All players in the Asian Games squad play in the ISL and if the ISL teams choose to keep their players early on in the season, India may just be forced to withdraw without a proper squad. Indian team's coach Igor Stimac and AIFF general secretary have requested the clubs to release players.

ISL-10 fixtures

DATE	HOME TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME	VENUE
Sept. 21	Kerala Blasters FC	Bengaluru FC	8 p.m.	Kochi
Sept. 22	Hyderabad FC	FC Goa	8 p.m.	Hyderabad
Sept. 23	Odisha FC	Chennaiyin FC	5.30 p.m.	Bhubaneswar
Sept. 23	Mohun Bagan SG	Punjab FC	8 p.m.	Kolkata
Sept. 24	NorthEast United FC	Mumbai City FC	8 p.m.	Guwahati
Sept. 25	East Bengal FC	Jamshedpur	8 p.m.	Kolkata
Sept. 27	Mohun Bagan SG	Bengaluru FC	8 p.m.	Kolkata
Sept. 28	Odisha FC	Mumbai City	8 p.m.	Bhubaneswar
Sept. 29	NorthEast United FC	Chennaiyin FC	8 p.m.	Guwahati
Sept. 30	East Bengal	Hyderabad FC	8 p.m.	Kolkata
Oct. 1	Kerala Blasters	Jamshedpur	8 p.m.	Kochi
Oct. 2	FC Goa	Punjab FC	8 p.m.	Goa
Oct. 4	Bengaluru FC	East Bengal	8 p.m.	Bengaluru
Oct. 5	Jamshedpur	Hyderabad FC	8 p.m.	Jamshedpur
Oct. 6	Punjab FC	NorthEast United	8 p.m.	Delhi
Oct. 7	FC Goa	Odisha FC	5.30 p.m.	Goa
Oct. 7	Chennaiyin FC	Mohun Bagan SG	8 p.m.	Chennai
Oct. 8	Mumbai City FC	Kerala Blasters	8 p.m.	Mumbai
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Nov. 30	Bengaluru	Punjab FC	8 p.m.	Bengaluru
Dec. 1	Jamshedpur FC	Odisha FC	8 p.m.	Jamshedpur
Dec. 2	Hyderabad FC	Mohun Bagan SG	8 p.m.	Hyderabad
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Dec. 13	Chennaiyin	Bengaluru FC	8 p.m.	Chennai
Dec. 14	Punjab FC	Kerala Blasters	8 p.m.	Delhi
Dec. 15	NorthEast United	Mohun Bagan SG	8 p.m.	Guwahati
Dec. 16	Bengaluru FC	Jamshedpur FC	5.30 p.m.	Bengaluru
Dec. 16	Mumbai City	East Bengal	8 p.m.	Mumbai
Dec. 17	Odisha FC	Hyderabad FC	8 p.m.	Bhubaneswar
Dec. 18	Punjab FC	Chennaiyin	8 p.m.	Delhi
Dec. 20	Mumbai City	Mohun Bagan SG	8 p.m.	Mumbai
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Note: The schedule has been announced only till December

Agnostic wins the H.H. Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy

MYSURU: Mr. Shantanu Sharma's Agnostic (Antony up) won the H.H. Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Memorial Trophy, the feature event of the races held here on Thursday (Sept. 7). The winner is trained by Bharath Singh.

THE RESULTS:

1. VIRIJA PLATE (DIV. II): WAR SONG (Kiran Rai) 1, D Golden Cup (Jagadeesh) 2, Top Rank (G. Vivek) 3 and City Of Hustle (Inayat) 4. Not run: Cappadocia. Hd, 2-1/2 and 3. 1m, 07.37s. ₹22 (w), 14, 14 and 17 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 50, FP: 80, Q: 133, Trinella: 520, Exacta: 2,528. Favourite: War Song. Owner: Swiss Stud & Livestock Pvt Ltd. Trainer: C. Girinath.

2. VIRIJA PLATE (DIV. I): RED HILLS (S. John) 1, Meraki (Koshi K) 2, Mystical Merlin (T. Pavan) 3 and City Of Gravitas (Inayat) 4. 1/2, 6-3/4 and 2-1/4. 1m, 07.55s. ₹18 (w), 11, 12 and 17 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 51, FP: 42, Q: 19, Trinella: 207, Exacta: 471. Favourite: Red Hills. Owners: Mr. K. Rakesh Raje Urs & Mr. Rakesh Vijayakumar. Trainer: S. Ashwin Rao.

3. SOMANATHPUR PLATE (DIV. II): EMBOSOM (Shreyas S) 1, Mighty Swallow (Arvind K) 2, Sensational Title (Arshad) 3 and Raaz (S. Shareef) 4. Not run: Debonair. Lnk, 4-1/2 and Shd. 1m, 27.46s. ₹24 (w), 13, 13 and 24 (p), SHP: 42, THP: 42, FP: 127, Q: 57, Trinella: 1,086, Exacta: 5,257. Favourite: Embosom. Owners: Mr. S.M. Choudury, Mr. H.K. Lakshman Gowda & Mr. A. Muniraja. Trainer: V. Lokanath.

4. J.H. FOLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY: IRISH COFFEE (Arvind K), Achook (P.P. Dhebe) (Dead Heat) 1, Imperius (Md. Sameer) 3 and Loch Lomond (Trevor) 4. Dead Heat, 6 and 1/2. 1m, 38.94s. ₹11 (Irish Coffee), 72 (Achook) (w), 12 (Irish Coffee), 23 (Achook) and 64 (p), THP: 354, FP: 199 and 199, Q: 251, Trinella: 4,975 and 4,975, Exacta: 26,787 (carried over). Favourite: Irish Coffee. Owners: Dr. C.N. Devayya (Irish Coffee), Mrs. Arasi Sharma (Achook). Trainers: Pradeep Annaiah (Irish Coffee), Rakesh (Achook).

5. UDAGAMANDALAM TROPHY: VICTORIANO (P.P. Dhebe) 1, Anushtubha (Antony) 2, Janeiro (R.S. Bhati) 3 and Blooming Lily (Ayaz Khan) 4. Not run: Country's Magia. 2, 1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 07.30s. ₹58 (w), 16, 12 and 18 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 39, FP: 71, Q: 22, Trinella: 436, Exacta: 3,494 (carried over). Favourite: Anushtubha. Owner: Mr. M.S. Kumaraswamy. Trainer: G. Srinivas Rao.

6. H.H. SRI KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY: AGNOSTIC (Antony) 1, Evaldo (Akshay K) 2, Shamrock (Suraj) 3 and O Hansini (P.P. Dhebe) 4. Not run: Forest Flame. 1/2, 2-3/4 and 1-3/4. 1m, 24.04s. ₹51 (w), 12, 11 and 13 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 46, FP: 134, Q: 35, Trinella: 255, Exacta: 560. Favourite: Evaldo. Owner: Mr. Shantanu Sharma. Trainer: Bharath Singh.

7. PUNE PLATE: PEYO (Salman Khan) 1, Win My Luv (G. Vivek) 2, Clever Hans (B. Dharshan) 3 and Shabelle (Akshay K) 4. 1/2, Nose and Shd. 1m, 25.52s. ₹262 (w), 53, 31 and 33 (p), SHP: 95, THP: 85, FP: 1,893, Q: 1,069, Trinella: 61,211 (carried over), Exacta: 3,462 (carried over). Favourite: Amreli. Owners: Mr. Daulat Chhabria & Mr. S. Narredu. Trainer: S. Narredu.

8. SOMANATHPUR PLATE (DIV. I): RIVER OF GOLD (Akshay K) 1, Burmese (Suraj) 2, Mystical Merkabah (Kiran Rai) 3 and Serai (Inayat) 4. Not run: Ankush. 2-1/4, 2-1/4 and 2-3/4. 1m, 26.27s. ₹25 (w), 13, 11 and 20 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 34, FP: 59, Q: 20, Trinella: 182, Exacta: 232. Favourite: Burmese. Owners: Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by Mr. D.R. Thacker, M/s. Girish Mehta & Mr. K. Mahaveer Chand. Trainer: Pravati Byramji.

Jackpot: ₹19,764 (carried over); Mini Jackpot: 4,195 (carried over); Treble (i): 709 (seven tkts): (ii): 814 (one tkts); (iii): 2,695 (carried over).

Vachier-Largrave claims rapid title with a round to spare

Fruitful outing: Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, who won the rapid title, in action on Thursday. DEBASISH BHADURI

TATA STEEL CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, a former World blitz champion, won the rapid section of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament with a round to spare at the National Library here on Thursday.

The top-seeded Frenchman finished with seven points from nine rounds – 1.5 points more than Teimour Radjabov of Azerbaijan, who also justified his billing as the second seed.

"Yes, it is nice to win a strong tournament like this convincingly, by 1.5 points," he told *The Hindu* shortly after. "I was pleased with most of my games, too. Probably the best was the one against Arjun."

Arjun, who has to his credit two champions and as many runner-up trophies from the last two editions, disappointed. He finished ninth, in a field of 10. R. Praggnanandhaa was the best Indian performer, coming third.

The results:

Ninth round: Teimour Radjabov (Aze) 5.5 drew with Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) 7; R. Praggnanandhaa 5 bt Arjun Erigaisi 3; Vincent Keymer (Ger) 3.5 bt D. Gukesh 4.5; Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb) 4 lost to Vidit Gujrathi 5; P. Harikrishna 2.5 drew with Alexander Grischuk (Rus) 5.

Eighth round: Vachier-Lagrave bt Harikrishna; Grischuk drew with Abdusattorov; Gujrathi bt Keymer; Gukesh bt Praggnanandhaa; Arjun drew with Radjabov.

Seventh round: Arjun lost to Vachier-Lagrave; Radabov drew with Gukesh; Praggnanandhaa bt Gujrathi; Keymer lost to Grischuk; Abdusattorov bt Harikrishna.

The standings: 1. Vachier-Lagrave 7; 2. Radjabov 5.5; 3-5. Praggnanandhaa, Grischuk and Gujrathi 5; 6. Gukesh 4.5; 7. Abdusattorov 4; 8. Keymer 3.5; 9. Arjun 3; 10. Harikrishna 2.5.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Karnataka boys in final

Karnataka entered the boys' final with a 2-0 victory over Uttar Pradesh in the Yonex-Sunrise Inter-State-inter-zonal badminton championship here on Thursday.

The results:

Boys: Semifinals: Karnataka bt Uttar Pradesh 2-0; Manipur bt Chandigarh 2-1; **Quarterfinal:** Karnataka bt Maharashtra 2-0.

Girls: Semifinals: Haryana bt Karnataka 2-0; Uttarakhand bt Andhra Pradesh 2-0;

Quarterfinals: Karnataka bt Assam 2-0.

Saumrita stuns Sai Janvi to make last four

Saumrita Jagatdeo upset top seed Sai Janvi 0-6, 6-2, 7-5 in the girls' quarterfinal of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Junior 2023 J30 Bengaluru tournament on Thursday.

Other results (quarterfinals):

Boys: Sehaj Singh bt Keshav Goel 6-2, 6-2; Aradhya Kshitij bt Gandharv Gourav 6-3, 6-2; Chandan Shivaraj bt Samarth Sahita 7-5, 5-7, 7-6 (7); Kevin Titus bt Dhiraj Reddy Vennapusa 7-6 (7), 6-1.

Girls: Laxmisri Dandu bt Harshini Nagaraj 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; Amodini Naik bt Avani Chitale 6-4, 6-2; Saumya Ronde bt Kashvi Sunil 6-0, 6-4.

Kickstart has it easy against FC Deccan

Kickstart FC blanked FC Deccan 3-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league on Thursday.

The results: BFC 2 (Savio Fernandes 15, Satendra Singh 58) bt HAL 1 (Austin Jijo 51); Kickstart FC 3 (M. Lawphniaw 75, 84, Abhishek Shankar 86) bt FC Deccan 0.

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Bid Identification No. Bridge Tender Online RWCSBP-29 No:2355 Dated : 05.09.2023

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2. No of work : **11 (Eleven) nos of Bridge works Details as per DTCN.**
3. Estimated Cost : **Approximately Cost Rs.282.22 lakhs to Rs.731.79 lakhs.**
4. Class of Contractor : **'B', 'A' & Special Class**
5. Cost of tender paper and mode of deposit : **Rs.10,000/- per set.(to be deposited On-line) in favour of concerned Executive Engineer**
6. Mode of submission of tender : **Tender should be submitted only On line in website www.tendersorissa.gov.in . (https//tendersodisha.gov.in)**
7. EMD and mode of deposit : **1% of estimated cost of the work to be remitted online as mentioned in DTCN**

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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.	**Bridge Tender Online - RWCSBP-29/ 2023-24**	**11.09.2023 at 11.00.A.M.**	**25.09.2023 up to 5.00 P.M.**	**21.09.2023 up to 5.00.P.M.**	**26.09.2023 at 11.00.A.M.**	**To be intimated later**

*Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in. (https//tendersodisha.gov.in)** * Subsequent modification / corrigendum / Addendum if required shall appear in website only. * The amount put to bid is exclusive of GST. * Bidder should inspect the road before bidding and quote his rate accordingly.

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CIPET: IPT Kochi invites applications from eligible candidates for contractual engagement on below mentioned positions:.

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Remuneration (Consolidated)	No. of Post
1	Associate Professor	Rs.46,400/-pm (AICTE basic pay Rs.37400/-+AGP Rs.9000/-)	Plastics / Polymer Engineering or Technology - 1

For detailed information on eligibility criteria, educational qualifications & experience, general terms & conditions and Applications form etc. please visit our website: **www.cipet.gov.in** (CIPET RECRUITMENTS Column-Home Page). For any updates including amendments/Corrigendum, kindly visit CIPET Website.
Applications in the prescribed format along with necessary enclosures should be sent in a sealed envelope to the **"The Joint Director & Head, CIPET:IPT Kochi, HIL Colony, Pathalam, Udyogamandal P.O., Kochi - 683501"** by speed post. With reference to the recruitment notification published vide Advt. No.CIPET:IPT/KOCHI/ADMIN/REC.Con.FT/2023-24 /001 dated 10.08.2023, the last date for the submission of the applications is hereby extended from 06.09.2023 to 20.09.2023 upto 05.00 p.m. The candidate should clearly mention "Advertisement No." and "Name of the Post applied for" in BOLD letters on top of the envelop. **For any further clarification, email to kochi@cipet.gov.in or Contact Mobile:8281713211 & 9884246021**

(SD)
Joint Director & Head

City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru

Office: 08262-230420 Fax: 0862232272 Commissioner: 08262-232272 Helpline:08262-232222 E-mail: comm_ckg@yahoo.co.in Website: www.chikmagalur.gov.in

No.: CMC/CKM/Legacy/CR/02/2023-24 Date: 05.09.2022

e-Procurement Re Tender Notice

Tender is invited from Civil Contractors of eligible class for undertaking the below mentioned works. Those interested can submit Tenders subject to conditions.

Sl.No. 1. Details of the Work: DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT1210/CALL-2 **Approx. Amount (Rs. in lakhs):** 486.65 **E.M.D. (in Rs.):** 6,19,000.00

Cost of Tender Form – As per e-procurement, Time Period – 09 Months (Excluding Rainy Season)

1. Last date for submission of Tender in e-procurement: 04.10.2023 up to 17.30 Hrs.

2. Date of opening Technical Bid: 06.10.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.

3. Date of opening Financial Bid: 09.10.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.

4. Date of Tender Pre-Bid Meeting: 20.09.2023, 4.00 PM at City Municipal Council Office.

Further details can be obtained during working hours of this office and from https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in If there are any changes, they will be published only in e-procurement and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/-Sri.Varasiddhi Venugopal,
President
City Municipal Council,
Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/-Smt.C.H.Umadevi Krishnappa
Vice President
City Municipal Council,
Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/- B.C. Basavaraju, K.M.A.S
Municipal Commissioner,
City Municipal Council, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.50/ksmca/23-24/417

KIDWAI MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF ONCOLOGY
(Government of Karnataka Autonomous Institution)
Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bangalore - 560029.
Phone: 91-80-26560722 / 26560723 / 66697999 E-mail: kidwai@nic.in

No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CMC AC/394/2023-24 Dated: 05.09.2023

SHORT TERM e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Online Tenders are invited in **TWO Bid** System for the supply of following through GOK e-Procurement. Short term tender for Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology and VTSM Peripheral Cancer, Kalburgi.

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Items
1.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/CMC AC/394/ 2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023, (Call-2)	Providing & CMC services for Split Air conditioners installed at and KMIO Bangalore & VTSM Peripheral Cancer Center, Kalburgi.
2.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/RO Plant/395/ 2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023, (Call-2)	Supply and Installation of RO Plants 50 LPH to VTSM Peripheral Cancer Centre, Kalburgi.
3.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/RC/398/ 2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023, (Call-2)	Rate Contract for the Hospital Furniture repair and service works in various department of KMIO and PCC Kalburgi.
4.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/AMC Generators/401/2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023, (Call-2)	Providing AMC Services for Diesel Generators sets at KMIO., Bangalore and VTSM PCC Kalburgi.
5.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/DBC Chemicals /403/2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023	Supply of Chemicals, Glassware & Reagents to the Dept. of Biochemistry.
6.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/DBT Chemicals/ 404/2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023	Supply of Chemicals, Glassware & Reagents to the Dept. of Pathology..
7.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/DMB Chemicals /405/2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023	Supply of Chemicals, Glassware & Reagents to the Dept. of Microbiology.
8.	No. KMIO/SME(1)/Tender/M.Equip/ DPT/406/2023-24 Date: 05-09-2023	Supply and Installation of Cryostat and Embedding Workstation to the Dept. of Pathology.

The Bid Document will be available in online from **12.09.2023 to 10.10.2023.** Bidders can view and download the Bid Document from the Website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Bids have to be submitted through e-Procurement Portal and **Rs. 500.00** as e-procurement Portal fees The last date and time of Receipt of Bid through e-Procurement Portal is **10.10.2023 at 3:00 p.m.** Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept/reject/ cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Director

DIPR/CP/RO1198/AAPL/2023-24

KERALA BANK
PB. No. 6515, COBANK TOWERS, VIKAS BHAVAN P.O, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695033

TENDER NOTICE

The Kerala State Co-operative Bank invites competitive quotations in E-tender mode from reputed printers for printing and supply of 42,500 Nos of Planner and 2,67,750 Nos. of Calendar of the Bank. E-tender documents containing specification, terms & conditions etc. can be obtained from e-tenders website of Kerala State Govt. **(www.etenders.kerala.gov.in)**. Details are also available in the Bank's Website: **www.keralabank.co.in**. The last date of submission of E-tender is on **25/09/2023 @ 2.00 p.m.**

Thiruvananthapuram **(Sd/-)**
06/09/2023 **Chief Executive Officer**

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No: SVPISTM/ACAD – 145/RECRUITMENT/1 08-09-2023

WALK – IN INTERVIEW

Applications are invited from eligible candidates in the prescribed format for appointment to various posts in the Academic department purely on temporary basis for a period of one year.

Interested eligible candidates should send the duly filled Application Form in the prescribed format along with all relevant documents on or before 16-09-2023. They should report at the Institute for an interview on the respective date & time. For information regarding Posts, qualifications, interview schedules, application forms, etc., please visit : **svpistm.ac.in**

Director

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATIOIN

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement portal only)

e-Tenders are invited from the contractors/agencies that are reputed individuals/Company and having past experience through e-procurement portal website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works **(1)** No.KPCL/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT/648 Date: 06.09.2023 for **"Supply, Shifting, erection and termination of various capacity LT motors at Unit-1 to 4 of RTPS".** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders:**14.09.2023 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** No.KPCL/2023-24/PM/WORK_INDENT271/Call-2 Date: 05.09.2023 for **"Refurbishment and Reconditioning of coal blade assembly and its attachments of BD-155 Dozer".** Approx.amount put to tender with GST: **Rs. 59,47,000/-** EMD amount: **Rs. 1,18,944/-.** Last date & time for submission of completed tender document: **12.09.2023 up to 16.30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the **(Sl.No.1) Executive Engineer (LT)-1, Mobile No.9449596537. E-mail:eelt1rtps@gmail.com / eelt1rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in (Sl.No.2) Executive Engineer (CHP)M-2, KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar-584 170, Raichur. Mobile No.9448290758**

Can Fin Homes Ltd
(Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS • DEPOSITS
Address: No.16, I Floor, Sita Vilas Road, Near Marilmallappa School, Mysore-570024
CIN –L85110KA1987PLC008699
Email:mysore@canfinhomes.com
Telephone: PH: 0821-2429699, 7625079114

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

To,
1. **Mrs. Hemavathi G** W/o Mr. Shivakumar M V , #701, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, BEML 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore – 560098
2. **Mr. Shivakumar M V** S/o Venkatappa **(Co-applicant)** #701, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, BEML 5th Stage, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore – 560098
3. **Mrs. Shanthamma** W/o Late. Chinnappa Papamma **(Guarantor)** #15, Shivanna Layout, 5th Cross, BEML 5th Stage, RR Nagar, Bangalore - 560098.

No.1 & 2 amongst you availed housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset/s belonging to Mrs. Hemavathi G. An amount of Rs.21,52,442/- (Twenty One Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Two Only) is due from you to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 30.08.2023 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

Details of the mortgaged Property: Property No.63, situated at 1st Cross, Giriyabovipalya, Nazarbad Mohalla, Mysore-570010, Measuring North to South 30.00 feet, East to West (31.6+20)/2 Feet. Bounded by:- North – Site No.62, South – Site No.64, East – Road, West – Kere Angala. Registered demand notice was sent to 1 & 2 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, But the same was returned unserved. Undersigned has, therefore, cost these notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset since **29.08.2023** as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from **30.08.2023** within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers/guarantors is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured asset.

Sd/-
Place: Mysore **Authorised Officer**
Date : 07.09.2023 **Can Fin Homes Limited**

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
SPECIAL BUILDINGS DIVISION-II
PWD, PUDUCHERRY

No.06/PW/SBD-II/DB/Tender/2023-24 Dated: 07.09.2023

PRESS NOTICE FOR e-Tender

On behalf of the President of India, e-Tenders are invited from the eligible contractors / firms by the Executive Engineer, Special Buildings Division-II, Public Works Department, Puducherry for the following work.

Name of Work : **Construction of four storeyed building for Government High School at Thirukkanur, Puducherry.**
Tender No. : **26/PW/SBDII/2023-24**
Cost put to tender : **Rs.5,62,24,692/- (inclusive of GST)**
EMD : **Rs.11,24,494/-**
e-Tender processing fee : Rs.1500 + GST @ 5%

The detailed procedure is available in the Press Notice which can be downloaded along with the NIT from the **website www.pudutenders.gov.in** only by those Contractors who are having valid ikey and Digital Signature Certificate.

(i) Availability of NIT from **10.00 AM on 12.09.2023 to 03.30 PM on 26.09.2023** and Closing time for submission of e-tender at **4.00 PM** on the same day of last date of availability of NIT.
(ii) Date & Time of Opening of tender **27.09.2023 10.30 AM**

Please contact ICICI Bank for e-payment help desk guidance in Phone No.8939202113

Please contact e-Procurement cell, 3rd floor, Chief Secretariat, e-tender help desk for guidance in Phone No.0413-2220225 & 1800 3070 2232 (Toll Free) mail id: **Support-eproc.pon@nic.in**

No.294/DIP/AD(Press)/2023-24 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
Construction & Maintenance Group,
ISRO Head Quarters, Antariksh Bhavan, New BEL Road, Bengaluru-560094 Phone: 080-2217 2476/2032/2033, Fax No.: 080-2351 3126

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, sealed, item rate tenders are invited for the following work:

Title of work	**Modification works in NSIL building and building adjacent to NSIL office at Antariksh Bhavan Campus, Bengaluru- Civil, Electrical & AC works**
Tender Notice No.	**CMG/ISRO-HQ/C/C/07/P/2023-24 Dtd: 07.09.2023**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 65.60 Lakhs**
Period of Completion	**Four (04) Months**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	**From: 18:10 Hrs on 07.09.2023 To: 23:59 Hrs on 24.09.2023**
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	**Up to 15:30 Hrs on 27.09.2023**
Due date and time for opening of tenders (Technical Bid)	**16:30 Hrs onwards on 27.09.2023**
EMD	**Rs. 1,31,200/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed tender notice on **www.isro.gov.in/tender** detailed tender notice and tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head CMG, ISRO HQ

Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS, PORTS & INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamarajanagara Division, Chamarajanagara
Phone / Fax : 08226-222027 Email : eecnr@kpwd.gov.in / pwdeechngr@gmail.com

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only)
(Two Cover System : Section-1-Technical Bid and Section-2- Financial Bid)
Tender Notification No. 04/2023-24 Dated : 05-09-2023

Item rate tenders are invited through e-procurement portal only on behalf of Governor of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-3,** form the Total no of works is 1**, H/A : 8443 DC Work** maximum estimated cost Rs. 88.00 lakhs. Further Changes in this Notification will be Published in E-Procurement Only.

Date of Events as follows :

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the e-procurement portal	From 06-09-2023 to 20-09-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs
2	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	21-09-2023 after 16.30 Hrs.
3	Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid	25-09-2023 after 16.00 Hrs.

More Information can be had from the Website : **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR : CHANAGAR:133:2023-24 PWD Division, Chamarajanagar

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ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಲೋ.ಇ./ಬಾ.ವಿ./ಪಿ.ಬಿ./ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ/2023–24/1537 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 07–09–2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. : ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ : 4422, 434 ಕರೆ–2, 4789 (ಹಳೆ ವ.ಇ.ನಂ. 160892/ಕರೆ–3), 280 ಕರೆ–2, 284 ಕರೆ–2, 286 ಕರೆ–2, 288 ಕರೆ–2, 287 ಕರೆ–2, 292 ಕರೆ–2, 3390 ಕರೆ–2.

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ : 3808, 2023 ಕರೆ–2, 1480 ಕರೆ–2.

ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ : 2027 ಕರೆ–2, 2040 ಕರೆ–2.

ಈ ಎಲ್ಲ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 650.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 6.60 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅ) ಪ್ರೀಬಿಡ್ ಮಿಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ	:	**12–09–2023 ರ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.**
ಬ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಾಗಿ ನಿಗಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ	:	**13–09–2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.**
ಕ) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	:	**16–09–2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.**
ಡ) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	:	**19–09–2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ**
ಬ) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	:	**20–09–2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.**

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿವರವಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ವೈಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
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ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ/116/ಮಣಿಹಾಳ್/2023–24

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Ph.No. 080-22961016 / 22131385 E-Mail ID: registrarbcu@gmail.com

No: BCU/ACA/PG-Adm/08/2023-24 **Date: 05-09-2023**

POST GRADUATE ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Bengaluru City University (BCU) invites applications from eligible graduates for the following PG courses offered at its Central College Campus, Bengaluru, and Affiliated Colleges for the Academic Year 2023-2024.

(Through the UUCMS Online portal https://uucms. karnataka.gov.in/Login/Index)

P.G COURSES IN THE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS/AFFILIATED COLLEGES

A. Faculty of Arts:

M.A: Kannada, English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, History, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Social Work, Mass Communication and Journalism, Urban Studies and Planning.

MVA: 1. Animation Design, 2. Interior Design. 3. Applied Arts. 4. Art History 5. Painting 6. Print Making 7. Sculpture.

B. Faculty of Science:

M.Sc: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biochemistry, Botany, Zoology, Fashion and Apparel Design, Environmental Science, Computer Science, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Psychology, Psychological Counselling, Speech Language Pathology. Interior Design and Decoration, Nutrition and Dietetics.

PG Diploma in (Psychological Counselling)

C. Faculty of Commerce:

1 M.Com - Master of Commerce(General)
2. M.Com - Master of Commerce (Financial Analysis)
3. M.Com - Master of Commerce (International Business)
4. M.T.T.M - (Master of Tourism & Travel Management)

PG Diploma Courses

1. PGD - (Business Administration)
2. PGD - (Human Resource Management)
3. PGD - (Marketing Management)
4. PGD - (Financial Management)
5. PGD - (Industrial and Construction Safety Management)

D. Faculty of Education: Master of Education (M.Ed)

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORMS:

1. The candidates who wish to apply for PG programmes have to apply through the **UUCMS** Online portal; **https://uucms.karnataka.gov.in/Login/Index** from 10.09.2023 onwards.
2. Candidates can apply for more than one PG programme by selecting the required programmes in the online application.
3. The application fee of **Rs.500/-** (**Rs.250/-** for SC/ST, Category-I and transgender candidates of Karnataka Domicile only), is payable through **online only**, via payment link provided in the UUCMS platform.
4. Candidates awaiting final semester results may also apply for the selection.
5. For details of eligibility criteria, seat matrix, course fees, and list of Affiliated Colleges offering PG courses, please visit the University website: **http://bcu.ac.in**
6. The last date for applying to PG courses of 2023-24 academic year without penal fee is **30.09.2023, however candidates can apply till 05.10.2023** with a penal fee of **Rs. 200/-**
7. The hard copies of the filled in online application along with photocopies of relevant documents shall be submitted seperately to the respective PG Departments for which the candidate seeks admission. Address: Chairman of respective **PG Department, Bengaluru City University, Central College Campus, Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru–560 001.**
8. Applications submitted after the last date or incomplete applications without relevant documents will be rejected without any notice.
9. Only applications submitted through UUCMS Portal will be considered for the selection of candidates for admission.
10. **Note:** If a minimum of 10 students are not enrolled for a particular course, the University will not be running that particular course for the current academic year.
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